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Who's Who and What's What

Vacation Bible School begins at Clinton as soon as the college commencements are over. That is next week.

Brother W. A. Green of Waynesboro helped in a meeting in Fountain Church, over in Alabama. There were 48 additions, 38 by baptism.

Rev. W. O. Littlejohn, 1823 Dauphin St., New Orleans, La., sends an earnest appeal for help for Tabernacle Baptist Church in that city. We cannot here advocate causes outside our own program, but we doubt not this one is eminently worthy.

It is said that a baby crying one hour uses up enough energy to climb the Washington Monument. That's nothing compared with the energy some people use up complaining about the way others do the Lord's work. Such energy properly applied would support several missionaries.

On account of the absence of Pastor A. A. Ward the editor was privileged to supply for him at Edinburg Sunday morning. It was work going a long way to meet these people. The men's class is taught and the music led by Prof. Smith. We had the pleasure of being in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Fortenberry. The work here is probably in the best condition ever, and they are contemplating sending the Record to every family.

A country church in Kemper county sends \$108 as a Mother's Day offering to the Orphanage. This is Bluff Springs Church of which Glen Smith, a student in Mississippi College, is pastor. This church is evidently very much alive.

And now they tell us that 1500 years ago Jews in Syria used the hooked cross, or swastika. There is a different kind of cross which breaks down the middle wall of partition and makes all men into one body. Read Ephesians 2:11-22.

In Franklinton, La., Church where Rev. Lowrey Comper is pastor at a baptismal service and in the presence of a congregation which crowded the house a painting of a baptismal scene was unveiled. It covers the entire back wall of the baptismal enclosure. It was painted by Mrs. May O. Wigginton of Louisville, Ky., from a photo made by Dr. McKee Adams at the Jordan River, in just such a place as Jesus was baptized. It is said to be beautiful and impressive, blending as it does with the water which pours into the baptism. It helps to interpret and enforce the truth expressed in the ordinance of baptism.

The urge toward bigness is a wellnigh invincible trait in the American makeup. It is the mark of a nation in its adolescence. When it becomes really grown up it will probably place emphasis on other things than mere size. This American ideology imputes to largeness the quality of efficiency, the efficiency of mass production in large quantities, the efficiency of single management of great numbers of people or magnificent concentrations of machinery. What is good for industry or commerce must be good for religion. This, we say, seems to be the popular conception. It magnifies the large scale influence of a mass attack upon the moral problems of the world.—Word and Way.

For 21 months the church at Crystal Springs has had no deficit and has sent regular offerings to all denominational causes.

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, secretary of the Baptist World Alliances preached the commencement sermon for Dodd College, Shreveport, last Sunday.

The church at Clinton on Sunday evening licensed Mr. Riley Munday to preach the gospel. He is a student in Mississippi College, coming from Philadelphia, Miss. He recently supplied the pulpit at Philadelphia, also at Durant.

Fork Union Military Academy of Fork Union, Va., is closing its best session in forty years, with 67 graduates and 37 post graduates. Students come from 24 states. Dr. J. J. Wicker has been president for nine years. Improvements costing \$150,000 have been made, providing accommodations for 400 boarding cadets.

Magee Church is in the midst of their Vacation Bible School. The first week the enrollment reached one hundred twenty. We expect more next week. We have a splendid faculty of seventeen and they are doing a fine piece of work.—G. O. Parker, Pastor and Director.

Our meeting here at Magee will begin the fourth of June and continue through the fourteenth of June. Rev. A. B. Pierce of Crystal Springs will do the preaching. We ask the brethren to pray for us that we may have a real spiritual meeting and that the lost may be won to Christ.—G. O. P.

Dr. H. H. Hargrove has just completed his second year as pastor of Columbus Avenue Church, Waco, Texas. There have been 451 additions to the church, 166 by baptism. There has been an enlargement in every department of the work. The Vacation Bible School runs from June 5 through 16.

Thousands of college students will be available for service in their home churches and at nearby needy points during the next three months. It is urged that pastors and associational leaders take advantage of the offer of these able young people who are willing to serve as volunteers in the Lord's work. "Home Again! for three months of volunteer service" is their motto.

There is one lesson to be learned from the union of three Methodist bodies recently consummated in this country, which ought not to be overlooked. The three uniting are commonly known as Northern Methodists, Southern Methodists and Protestant Methodists, or Free Methodists. These last were not of the Episcopal order. That is they did not have bishops. This was the principal reason for their separation from the Methodist Episcopal Church. Now that the three bodies are getting together, what becomes of the Protestant Methodists' protest against the episcopal form of government. They simply swallow their objections and come in under the episcopacy. The bishops will look after them and tell them what to do and what not to do. You can see from this what would become of the Baptist form of church government in any merger with other denominations. It would simply cease to be. There would be no more independent or congregational form of church government. Baptists believe that this is the New Testament form of church government. To abandon it is to abandon the New Testament. But union with other "churches" inevitably means, control from above and without, which is another name for episcopacy.

The offerings for missions in First Church, Richmond, Va., averaged about \$2.00 per capita in April.

It is said that Governor Phillips of Oklahoma dried up the halls of the legislature. It can be done.

There were 4598 messengers registered at Oklahoma City. Oklahoma had the largest number, with Texas second. The attendance was not quite up to last year.

It is said that 69 per cent of the rural homes in America have radios and that the average rural family listens 5 1-4 hours daily. This would seem a very effective crop reduction method.

People who cannot read are a menace to democratic government. They are tossed about by every wind of prejudice and demagogic passion. Christians who do not read a religious paper are a problem in their own churches, and a peril to every Christian enterprise. They are carried about with every wind of doctrine, the victims of pretentious adventurers.

The following constitute the committee appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention to draft a reply to the invitation to participate in the World Council of Churches: Geo. W. Truett, Texas, chairman; L. R. Scarborough, Texas; Jno. R. Sampey, Kentucky; C. E. Maddry, Virginia; Ellis Fuller, Georgia; A. J. Barton, North Carolina; E. Godbold, Missouri; M. E. Dodd, Louisiana; W. R. White, Oklahoma; David Gardner, Florida; Fred F. Brown, Tennessee; John Buchanan, Alabama; W. L. Ball, South Carolina.

The Watchman-Examiner gives the results of a survey made in American colleges, showing that the student who smokes spends from \$35.00 to \$50.00 a year for tobacco. In one college it was said that this was twice as much as is usually spent for books, or the equivalent of a month's room and board. But smoking is far from being a universal custom among students.

We had heard of the preacher who announced to his Sunday congregation that his umbrella was stolen. He knew who did it, and unless it was returned in 24 hours he would publish the name of the thief. The next morning he found a dozen umbrellas in his yard. Now the story is told that the preacher announced he would announce at the next service the names of a couple misbehaving in church unless they came to his study and apologized. At the conclusion of the service seventeen couples appeared at his study.

We are having quotations from George Washington, Roger W. Babson and other celebrities as to the necessity of religion in the fundamental structure of society, business and government. We recall the remark made to us many years ago by a man who managed one of the biggest plantations in the Mississippi Delta in the same line. He was Captain T. J. Turner, not himself a Christian, but having a wife who was a devoted Christian. He managed a plantation on Lake Washington belonging to Ned Richardson, wholly cultivated by negroes. He told us he had been working negroes all his life, and seldom had any trouble with them. But he said, "If it were not for the negro's religion, there would be no living with them in this country. It is the one thing which controls them and makes them peaceable men and women." Isn't that just as true of white people?

Sparks and Splinters

Student Retreat at Ridgecrest June 7-15.

They tell us that the swing in church attendance in America now is upward. Give it a push.

Rev. A. A. Ward, pastor at Edinburg and Tuscola in Leake county, has been given a leave of absence by his churches and is taking summer work in the Southwestern Seminary.

The Layman Company, 730 Rush St., Chicago, will send free "Winning Financial Freedom" to any pastor applying. For \$1.00 they send 40 pamphlets and other literature on "Tithing."

In a country church, during the farming season Evangelist E. D. Estes reports 14 saved in a meeting in Poplar Springs Church meeting, Itawamba county; eleven joined the church, ten by baptism.

"Prohibition is doomed": We heard it boom over the radio in 1932. Since then the work-house population in Washington has increased 78%. Last year in the Capital City 18,246 people were arrested for drunkenness.

Pastors of Attala county have formed a pastors' conference and will meet monthly. The first meeting will be held at Kosciusko June 3. Among the members are noted the names of C. F. Anglin, moderator; H. H. Ward, R. A. Holcomb, B. F. Odom.

One of the daily papers of Oklahoma City said that the speech of Prof. Chester Swor at the Convention provoked more favorable response from the people than any other during the meeting. We understand he will spend the summer in various services in the Atlantic coast states this year.

The O'Zion Baptist Church, Meadville, Miss., gave a Mother's Day program, May 14 with large attendance. An interesting talk was made by R. B. Jordan, whose aged mother sat beside him while he spoke. There was a splendid address by brother G. G. Prince and several quartets. Rev. J. H. Kyzar delivered a sermon on "A True Mother."

Rev. Mack Jones who has been pastor at Chat-ham, Ala. returns to Mississippi, becoming pastor of the church at Collins. He is a brother of R. R. Jones of McComb and of C. C. Jones of Mendenhall. He was once pastor of Lucedale, Miss. We welcome him to the fellowship of Mississippians. Secretary F. M. Barnes of Alabama commends him in the highest terms.

Pastor Chas. Webb begins his second year at Brooksville Sunday. The past year has seen good progress and inspires great hope. From May 29 to June 2 the church conducts a Daily Vacation Bible School. On June 4 Rev. J. H. Kyzar of Drew comes for a week's meeting. Mr. Robt. Malone of Columbus leads the singing. Prayer is asked.

From Mr. Earl Waldrup, clerk of the North Carrollton Church, we learn that the church declined to accept the resignation of Pastor E. C. Farr. This was done by a full house and a unanimous vote. The church passed strong resolutions expressing their affection for the pastor and their protest against his leaving. He had been asked by the Convention Board to do field work in the interest of the 5,000 Club.

Rev. J. H. Street, an alumnus of Clarke College, now pastor of West Laurel Church, preached the Clarke College commencement sermon June 21. Special music was furnished by the choir from the Freshman class. During the week the Senior class presented the drama "Better Than Gold." On Friday evening came the extemporaneous debate. Prizes were given by President McMullan and Rev. J. E. Wills. Superintendent O. N. Darby of the Newton High school gave the commencement address. The exercises closed with the alumni banquet. Rev. L. G. Sansing is president of the association and introduced Rev. Hardee Kennedy as speaker. The summer school begins June 5, and runs for 12 weeks.

The Alabama Baptist says that the outlook for Howard College in Birmingham is better than for 20 years. A campaign is on to raise \$65,000 to remove a current indebtedness.

On Sunday, May 14 the Sunday school attendance at Shuqualak Baptist Church was the largest in years and Baptist affairs are picking up.

We regret not being in the office when Missionary J. J. Cowser called. Our interest in him goes back to the time he was a student in Mississippi College.

Griffith, Jackson: We were made happy this week when word came from the Sunday School Board that we had met the requirements as outlined by the Standard of Excellence, for the fifth consecutive year. It makes our hearts glad to know that we are one of the twenty-three Standard Sunday schools in Mississippi. To the other sixteen hundred and twelve, we say give the Standard a fair trial and you will be surprised with the wonderful results.—Curtis Beard, General Supt.

There are twenty-five girls in the Hillman College graduating class this year. Diplomas are to be awarded at 5:30 p. m. on June 3rd. The address is to be delivered by Dr. W. W. Hamilton, Jr., of B.B.I., New Orleans, who has a daughter in the class. The sermon before the graduating classes of Hillman and Mississippi Colleges is to be preached Sunday morning by Dr. Charles E. Maddry of the Foreign Mission Board in the Clinton Baptist Church. The annual Hillman Alumnae Tea is to be given on the campus at five p. m. on June 4th. Mrs. A. L. Goodrich, president of the Association, urges all the graduates to attend. Reunions are called of the class of 1917, 1929 and all classes of years ending in 9.

The San Bernadino Sun (daily) publishes in a recent Sunday issue a picture of Rev. Tully F. McCrea, now living in San Bernadino, born in Natchez, Miss., and for many years a missionary in China. There is also given an extensive account of the protests made by missionaries in China against the policy of this government in permitting Americans to furnish Japan the larger part of the materials being used to destroy institutions in China and murder the people wholesale. Brother McCrea has letters from hundreds of missionaries in China whose hearts bleed for the people they serve. He himself protested to the federal authorities against its present policy but apparently without avail. Our prayers to heaven will bring better results than our petitions to Washington.

Hillman College has had just about a capacity enrollment this year and prospects for the next session were probably never better this early in the season. The number of room reservations is over two months ahead of last year. Today, May 26, there are as many room deposits as had been received by August 5th last year. Since it will be impossible to accommodate all who are expected to apply for entrance, the authorities will continue to accept only the most desirable and most worthy students.

Aberdeen: Dr. R. B. Gunter was with us and he did the preaching. It was by far the greatest meeting we have ever had in Aberdeen, as far as I know, and as far as any of the brethren can recall. Dr. Gunter is a preacher of great ability. Nothing sensational about him at all. Just deeply consecrated to God, humble as a child in his life and attitude toward God and all men. A wonderful Bible scholar and preached straight forward with the best of language and with a great knowledge of the Scriptures. He is mighty in the Scriptures. Up to date we have had 38 additions. From timid little girls of the Sunday school up to one man of over 70 years of age came, often times weeping their way to God. Fine young men, men and their wives, young women, boys and girls, coming to God and the church, and still they come. We are inviting Dr. Gunter's return next year. It's a blessing to any pastor and any church to have him. He don't know I am saying this, and might in his modesty forbid it if he did, but it's the truth so help me God. "Rejoice with us for we have found the sheep."—J. M. Walker, Pastor.

Ten years ago three workers out of four were on farms; now one in five, and he produces more than the others did.

Rev. William O. Beaty, pastor of the churches at Coldwater and Como, is conducting a meeting for the church at Sardis this week.—M.

Those attending the Convention in Oklahoma City were pleased to find the prices in all the restaurants very reasonable and the food satisfactory.

Dr. H. L. Martin of Senatobia preached the commencement sermon for the Germantown, Tenn., High school Sunday evening, and delivered the commencement address for the Bartlett, Tenn., High school Wednesday evening.

The revival at Duck Hill was preceded by a week of prayer. Pastor C. S. Thomas preached great gospel sermons. He was assisted by Mr. Allen Webb of Itta Bena. The house was crowded at each service. There were 16 additions.

A very successful Vacation Bible School was held at Duck Hill Church with Mrs. A. L. Taylor as the capable principal, assisted by worthy helpers. There were 102 enrolled, and much good accomplished.

Senatobia Baptists are sorrowing over the death of Deacon Chas. H. Moffat which occurred recently. He had taught the large Brotherhood Bible Class for fifteen years and was one of the outstanding Bible teachers of North Mississippi.

Mrs. A. J. Holt recently passed away at her home in Florida. With her husband she was one of the most heroic missionaries Baptists have ever had in the Southwest. Their work in the early years was largely among the Indians. Dr. Holt passed away some seven years ago.

Tate County Baptists will hold an associational rally at Coldwater Sunday afternoon. Evangelism and other important phases of the work will be emphasized, those on the program being Rev. Claude L. Howe of Strayhorn; Mr. M. S. Dougherty and Mr. W. P. Veasey of Coldwater and Rev. A. T. Cinnamon and Dr. H. L. Martin of Senatobia.

We do not know who is sponsoring it, but it is a good movement. The purpose is to get 50,000 people to pray daily for the salvation of the Jews. You may be one if you wish. Also specially prepared New Testaments are to be distributed among Jews, in which the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies are printed in bold-faced type.

Commencement program for Mississippi College begins Saturday, June 3 with Freshman Contest for Kyzar Medal at 10:30 a. m.; then Sophomore Contest at 11:20 a. m. The Dramatic Club presents a program at 8 p. m. On Sunday Dr. C. E. Maddry preaches the baccalaureate sermon for the two colleges. Band concert 3:30 p. m.; Sacred concert at 8 p. m. On Monday the Junior Contest for Trotter Medal at 9:45 a. m.; Senior Contest for Nelson Medal at 10:45; Extempore Debate for Lee-Emerson Medal at 11:45; Alumni Luncheon at 1 p. m.; President's Reception at 3:30 p. m. The Graduating Exercises on the campus at 5:30 p. m., with address by Hon. E. D. Kenna. Classes holding reunions are: 1874, 1879, 1884, 1889, 1894, 1899, 1904, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1924, 1929 and 1934.

The Daily Oklahoman, during the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, had a short editorial which evidently referred to the action of the Southern Baptist Convention which criticized President Roosevelt for sending Ambassador Kennedy to represent this country at the coronation of the Pope. In the editorial the criticism is spoken of as "sectarian." The Oklahoman thinks the same objection would be applicable in case of a representative at the coronation of the King of England, because he is the head of the English Church. Such a comparison is a reflection on the intelligence of the man who makes it. The King of England was not crowned as the head of a church. That is purely incidental. But the Pope was crowned as Pope, as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. That he is head of the Vatican State, a few acres of ground was not in anybody's thinking.

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WHY I AM THE KIND OF BAPTIST I AM
By John D. Freeman, Jr.

(Continued from Last Week)

III. "Restricted Baptism" Baptist.

Upon one ground alone have I reached the conclusion that man has absolutely no alternative but to be such, and that is the clear revelation in the word of God about the absolute lordship of Jesus. If all power in heaven and on earth belongs to Him, then He is absolute monarch in all matters of our religious life. If He has spoken a word, His followers dare not change it or seek to evade its implications. Clearly the word teaches us that there is but one baptism. John the Baptist was sent to baptize in water (John 1:33). That the form used by John was the immersion of a penitent believer none can gainsay. He was restricted both as to form and as to the subject of baptism by the authority of the Spirit of God who commissioned him to baptize. Likewise must every true Baptist be restricted. That baptism is required of all believers as an act of obedience and a confession of faith is shown by the baptism of Jesus, and by the words of Paul in Romans 6:3 and Gal. 3:27. There is but one Lord, one faith and one baptism (Eph. 4:5), hence I can never accept any other Lord but Jesus, any other faith but that which He imparts, and any other baptism except that which squares with the revealed will of God.

Since the form itself does not determine what baptism is, and since the administrator himself does not determine what it is, there is no recourse for me but to stand steadfastly by the one baptism committed to John the Baptist in the beginning, sanctioned and glorified by the Lord himself, committed to the churches by the act of Jesus and the will of the Holy Spirit, and held pure, by some at least of God's saints, until this day.

I cannot accept "Campbellite" immersion because it is not the immersion practiced by John the Baptist and submitted to by Jesus. It brings into the new dispensation some of the ritualism of the old, and we are specifically told that the "handwriting of ordinances was blotted out on the cross" (Col. 2:14). I cannot accept the immersion of Methodists, Presbyterians and others, because they practice two baptisms, neither of which can have the sanction and authority of my Lord, who cannot be divided against himself. I cannot accept the immersions administered by free-lance preachers who claim to be direct and independent agents of Christ, for His Word clearly teaches me that His authority was left with the churches, hence they alone can authorize baptism, and say who is worthy to receive it.

And as a restricted-baptism Baptist I know that every break from the age-old custom of our people has resulted in disrupted fellowship and in the weakening of our appeal to a distraught world. One needs but to look at the records of Baptist groups about us to know the truth of this statement. Where is the strength and dynamic of our English Baptist brethren? What has happened to the Baptists of the North that they should have grown so weak and impotent during one brief half century of time? Why the virility of our Baptist cause in South America and Roumania and in North China? Surely it is due in large measure to the fact that church membership is a closely guarded privilege, and the ordinances are honored and protected on those fields. Why the continued decline in influence and power among Free Will Baptists, if not because of their liberalism in dealing with the sacred ordinances committed to His churches by the will of Christ?

(Continued Next Week)

There is much work in preparing a convention and making guests comfortable. Evidently the people of Oklahoma City are used to it, for they treated our Baptist people royally. Information and all necessary assistance were given graciously. Our room was in the Biltmore Hotel, and we have never been more comfortably situated.

HOW TO DOWN ATHEISM
By Gordon Hurlbutt, Th.D.

In the Baptist Record of May 18, brother Goodrich gives a terse summary of the aims, methods, and progress of organized Atheism in our country. He has not over-stated the case; it is doubtful that it could be over-stated. Those of us who publish periodicals receive circular and other literature showing determined, organized, widespread efforts to destroy Christian faith.

Perhaps the most dangerous feature of the attack is within the churches. Even in Baptist churches there are avowed atheists "in good and regular standing." Even in Mississippi, in a prominent Baptist church, I know such a person. He is an able lawyer, and has argued for atheism for years. This fact suggests the first measure to meet atheism: Make church membership mean what it ought to mean, and keep on making it mean that. This cannot be done so long as we drag every community with a minnow seine every few months for new members, and then keep their names on the church roll till they are as dead physically as they always were spiritually.

We cannot successfully meet this black tide of Atheism by mere denunciation. Christianity has been denounced time and again, and the denunciations only scattered the sparks and fanned the flame. Denouncing Atheism does not destroy it, but rather advertises it. It has a shrewd technique that is impervious to mere verbal condemnation.

We cannot defeat Atheism by suppression of Atheists. This was tried in Arkansas, the home of Charles Smith, the president of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism—and failed. Such suppression violates constitutional rights and proves to be a boomerang.

We cannot down Atheism by forensic arguments. For one thing, most Atheists are able debaters, and love debate. But the main reason is that the existence of God can never be proved to the whole mind by appeal to the intellect alone. The Bible-writers were too wise to undertake to prove the existence of God: to them God was an immediately known fact: "In the beginning, God. . ." Those first words in the Bible are proved by the works of God recorded in all the rest.

The only sure defeat for Atheism is to prove the existence of God by demonstration, by manifesting Him in our lives. In this country today are tens of thousands of people, mostly young people, who are already at the first station on the road to Atheism—namely, Agnosticism. They are confused and offended by the ghastly gap between profession and conduct among most of the church-members they know. They see church-members living as if this world were all, as if there were no God. There is a practical Atheism among church-members in every community in this land; and this helps the cause of philosophic Atheism. Of course, there are thousands of God-believing, God-loving people in our churches; but their witness is largely offset by the pagan lives of fellow members "in good and regular standing" in the churches. In this great crisis upon us, there is a heavenly call to God's true people to make God a reality before men by God-like lives, such lives as all must see could not come out of the flesh. God help us to see the tragic character of this crisis, and to meet it as sons and daughters of the living God!

Point Clear, Alabama.

Returning from the Convention we stopped off at Senatobia where we preached the commencement sermon for Northwest Mississippi Junior College. President R. C. Pugh may well be proud of his large graduating class. It was a delight to preach to them. How things have improved since we went to school here at the age of seven. What a joy it was to look into the faces and shake hands with old friends! We were particularly fortunate in being a guest in the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Martin who do the honors of host along with Mr. and Mrs. Kizer.

SPURGEON'S LIFE AS SHOWN IN HIS
SERMONS

By A. C. Burley

Welsh Fire!

When I was preaching in Wales this week, I could not but observe the power which attended the ministry, when there was a living congregation and an earnest company gathered together to hear the Word of God. We have become accustomed to sit in a kind of solemn silence to hear the gospel. Not so in Wales. There is to be heard the voice of acclamation; every person expresses the feelings of his soul in audible prayers and cries to God; and at last, when the Spirit has descended, you hear the loud cries of "Gogoniant,"—"Glory to God." As each precious sentence drops from the lips of the preacher, it seems to be taken up and fed upon by the people, while they shout aloud for joy. I believe it is a great improvement on our English congregations, and some had a chance of either hissing them or cheering them on. That, however, is but an index of the cold state of the churches. We are a phlegmatic, cold nation; even Scotch divines are more alive than we are; they speak the Word of God with more earnestness than many of our ministers do in England. Cold as we think the north is, yet hath even it become warmer than we are. And now, what says the world to all our coldness? Why, it says—"Ah, this is the kind of religion we like," says the worldling; "we don't like those raving Methodists; we can't stand them; we don't like those earnest indefatigable Christians of the days of Whitfield; oh! no, they were a raving set of folks; we don't like them; but we like these quiet folks." "Yes," says the worldling. "I think it is quite right that every man should go to his church and his chapel on a Sunday; but I never could go and hear such ravings as Mr. So-and-so gives." Of course you could not; you are an enemy to God, and that is why you like a Laodicean church. That very church which the world likes best is sure to be that which God abhors. The world says, "We like everything to go on smoothly; we like a man to go to his own parish church, and hear a good, solid, substantial sermon read; we like to go up to the meeting-house, and hear a sober, eloquent divine; we don't like any of this furious preaching, any of these earnest exhortations." No, of course you like that of which God has said, "Thou art neither cold nor hot;" God hates such, and that is why sinners love it. But what effect does all this have upon the worldling? Why, just this. He says, "I like you, because you don't rebuke me; I like that kind of religion, because it is no accusation against me. When I see a Christian hot and in earnest about being saved," he says, "it rebukes my own indifference; but when I see a professed Christian just as indifferent about the salvation of men as I am, why, then I say, it is all a farce, nonsense! they don't mean it; the minister does not care a bit about whether souls are saved or not; and as for the church, they make a great deal of noise every now and then at Exeter Hall, about saving some poor blacks far away, but they don't care about saving us." And so a worldling wraps himself up, and goes on his way in his sin and his iniquity, and preverberates, even to the last, declaring all the while that religion is but a sham, because he sees us careless in solemn matters, and cold concerning everlasting realities.

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The trip to Oklahoma City was made pleasant by being able to go in his car with Supt. W. G. Mize and his wife and Mrs. Maddox and Mrs. Bond.

The church at Chalybeate held a seven day Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Sunday school and the Y.W.A. Most of the teaching was done by the latter. Pastor Ray Lewis and his wife assisted. The commencement was held on the evening of the third Sunday. Miss Ruby Taylor of the State Sunday School Department was superintendent. All the children participated. The spirit was fine and much good accomplished.

EDITORIALS

WOMAN'S COLLEGE

As our readers know the Education Commission and the trustees of Woman's College are now pressing a campaign to complete the Endowment of Mississippi Woman's College at Hattiesburg. This endowment effort was begun some two years ago and was never finished. It was not only authorized by the Convention, but the Convention instructed that it should be done. The campaign for endowment was to add \$200,000 to the fund so that the Convention might be relieved of paying the annual interest on this amount pledged by the Convention some years before.

A year or more ago the effort was discontinued though the endowment was not completed. On account of this the college is in difficulties with the standardizing agencies. To correct this the present plan to finish the endowment by raising some \$60,000 was adopted. The college property is now worth nearly a million dollars, and its permanent value depends on the success of this campaign.

The plan is to finish the work before the summer is over. We have in Mississippi some 240,000 Baptists. An average of 25c each would put us over the mark. But money is not raised by distributing it according to averages. There must be large gifts and many small ones, and all in between.

We have not in our Baptist colleges room for all the students who ought to be in them. We must not reduce our college equipment, but enlarge it. Here is our opportunity. Here is a place where everybody can help, and for some to help in such measure as will prove our devotion to the cause of Christ in providing Christian training. You are invited.

T. T. MARTIN

This beloved brother passed away at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson May 23, 1939. Few men among Southern Baptists have had so long and fruitful ministry. He was an evangelist with a burning heart and a message that was as clear as that of the Apostle Paul. He preached the same gospel which Paul preached. He preached it in season and out of season. He had it by divine revelation and delivered it with power and clarity which have been equaled by few men we have ever known. The Lord gave him many years of service and his zeal and energy were undiminished to the end. Others may have lost their first passion for preaching but he maintained it to the end.

We know whereof we speak, for we were closely associated with him for many years. Our acquaintance began when we were fellow students at the Louisville Seminary. Before that he had been graduated from Mississippi College where his father M. T. Martin was head of the Department of Mathematics. After this he taught the natural sciences at Baylor College in Texas. But he was a preacher with the message of the gospel of Christ.

While he was at the Seminary it was his almost daily custom to work in some mission in the city, seeking and saving the lost. About the time of his finishing the work at the Seminary, while pastor at Glenview church, he was poisoned at a wedding supper and was near death. To recover his health he worked a while in the mountains of Kentucky as a missionary. Developing tuberculosis he went to Colorado where he was pastor for several years at Cripple Creek. No handicap could stop him from work. It rather increased his zeal.

Recovering his health, he gave himself afresh to the work of evangelism for which he was so well fitted.

While this editor was pastor in Clinton, brother Martin helped us in two revival meetings in consecutive years. The first one lasted three weeks; the second two weeks. We have never

seen any man who could stick to the gospel so consistently and preach it with such clarity. As a result of these meetings nearly 100 people were baptized.

His zeal for the truth knew no bounds. He was polemic in his methods and used the sword of the Spirit as his weapon. He not only preached but wrote many books in defense of the truth. In recent years it was evident that his strength was failing, but he did not spare himself. We have seen him going when his body was in extreme weakness. He will have many souls saved through his ministry to greet him in heaven, and to make him glad throughout eternity.

His body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Gloster, beside that of his father to whom he was devoted and who died in his arms while making a trip on a train. May God keep, comfort and abundantly bless all who loved him.

THE CONVENTION

Last week the editor gave a running account of the Convention proceedings, concluding this week. We could not remain to the close and so missed the last day's work. Here we give the general impression which the Convention made on us.

The place of meeting was well adapted to the convention, except that at night the crowds overflowed the building. The attention and order were fine; the whole atmosphere of the meeting conducive to worship and progress of the work. The entertainment and handling of the crowds were entirely satisfactory.

There are two things which stood out, one good and the other not so good. The thing which is not so good is that the program is being more and more cumbered with matters that do not directly pertain to the work of the Convention. To mention a few, we might to advantage leave out church music, church attendance, absentee members, state papers, etc. We have too many commissions which insist on hanging on. It will take a major operation to get rid of some of them, but the Convention sorely needs to reduce the number of suckers in our corn field. Some of these commissions could be made a part of some of the boards which we have. If President Roosevelt feels the need of governmental reorganization for the sake of efficiency our Southern Baptist Convention can take a leaf out of his book. Possibly more about this at another time.

The good thing about the Convention was its sanity and faithfulness to what Baptists believe and what we propose to give to the world. There are people who think that doctrinal emphasis is not the business of a Convention. But if we have a mission in the world, it ought to be clear what that mission is. If we propose to preach and teach we must know and the world must know what we preach and teach. It ought to be clearly defined and understood that our mission is to make known to the world what is in the Book, and to bring all men to believe the truth which saves men's souls. We are not following cunningly devised fables; we are not spinning beautiful yarns; we are not spraying the world with sweetened wind nor hot air. We have a message.

The Convention without parade or pride or bad manners had no hesitancy in saying what Baptists believe. As proof of this you may read the address by Dr. J. B. Lawrence to be published by the Sunday School Board. Or you might have read the Convention sermon by P. F. Webb, or you might have heard the address by Drs. Maddy and Rushbrooke. It was a satisfying experience.

Our boards and institutions all reported a good year of progress. Things have never been in healthier condition with us. We are going forward and going in the right direction. More missionaries were sent out; more literature published; more sick people helped than ever before. More young men in our seminaries and more young women in our training schools. We face a world in need, in distress, but we have the remedy for its ills. We can pray with confidence and give our money with assurance that God is leading on.

We are always glad to hear Chester Swor, a member of the faculty of Mississippi College. Throughout the South his messages have been an inspiration to young people. Oklahoma Baptists will never forget the several days he spent with us at Falls Creek a few years ago. In his message to the Convention he pointed out the battalions which oppose Christian young people: the battalions of crime, of impurity, of dangerous ideals. He named also sources of power from which our young people may draw in combating sin: the power to enlist and attract young people. Youth wants the undiluted scriptural teachings concerning Christ and his ministry. There is great value in young people's revivals properly conducted. There is power in personal example. —Baptist Messenger.

E. D. Estes, State Evangelist was last week in a revival meeting with the Stonewall Baptist Church, in which there were 46 additions. Rev. J. A. Fortner, pastor and wife had made full preparation in prayer meeting two weeks before the meeting started. There were 34 prayer services from house to house, with an attendance of 658. During the eight days, there were reported 3061 chapters in the Bible read. Brother Fortner is a constructive pastor, has been on the field five and one-half months, with 33 additions before the meeting, making a total including the number during the meeting of 79 additions since he took up the work as pastor. He baptized 36 Sunday night. Brother Estes brought in 23 subscriptions for The Baptist Record from the Stonewall Church, making a total of 56 subscriptions which he has turned in during May.

A Roman Catholic friend recently wrote us contending that because there are so many more Roman Catholics in the world than Baptists therefore the Romanists must be right. On that method of reasoning the heathen would be right and Christians wrong, for there are so many more of the heathens. According to that it was a great mistake for Abram ever to leave Ur of Chaldea and his father's house. They were right and he was wrong. According to that the seven thousand in Israel who had not bowed the knee to Baal were all wrong; they ought to have done in Rome as Rome does. But not so. God says, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." People in the minority have often been right and those in the majority wrong. God says in Isaiah as quoted in Paul's letter to the Romans, "If the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that shall be saved." If questions of truth had been settled by majority vote, the gospel would have been destroyed in its very beginning.

In speaking of the appointment of a committee by the Southern Baptist Convention to consider the invitation to join the World Council of Churches, and bring a report to the Convention next year in Baltimore, Dr. McConnell, editor of the Baptist Standard of Texas, expresses the hope that the brethren will publish only what will help and not embarrass the members of the committee. We have great respect for Dr. McConnell's judgment in denominational matters. He is a Baptist statesman with constructive ideas. But we are wondering why this fear of embarrassment. Among Baptists the expression of opinions and convictions, the discussion of principles and of methods are supposed to be of the essence of democracy, and necessary to arrive at sane and correct conclusions. When we refer any matter to a committee we do not relieve ourselves of all responsibility in the premises. If we were a member of such a committee it would be our desire to have the freest and frankest expression of opinion from all sides. As iron sharpens iron so &c. Matters of concern to Baptists about the welfare of the kingdom are not to be pocketed or shunted aside from public observation and airing. Personally we have no intention to instruct the committee what to say. They are capable of forming an opinion and speaking their minds. The committee is well selected. But we doubt if it is well to sh-sh any subject until somebody else gets through making up his mind.

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Thursday, June 1, 1939

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"If my people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place."—2 Chronicles 7:14-15.

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During February, March, April, your Secretary had the privilege of witnessing 130 times for Christ before groups: 38 added by letter, 50 for baptism, 15 baptized, 141 lost asked for prayer. Psalm 103:1, 2.

This is suggestive of the possible ministry of a Mission Secretary if his hands are freed for major services in Christ's Name.

II
If Mississippi Baptists could have looked in on an associational meeting in Northeast Mississippi, they would continue in prayer for their field forces and keep our hands free for such service.

The house was practically filled with people. All day they sat with eager upturned faces.

Brother Wilds, Brother Williams, Brother Estes and your Secretary were present. Late in the afternoon one brother rose to speak, broke down and cried out as he said, "This is a day I have long looked for, hoped for, prayed for. We need help in this neglected section. Some of us have been holding the lines but it seemed almost a losing battle. We are glad you brethren have come."

A lady after the service came up and was radiant in her joy as she said, "I didn't know we (Baptists) had such men working for us."

Mississippi Baptists! Let us ask God to lead us into a great State-wide evangelistic and missionary program that will reach, help and claim for Christ these people, many of them living up to about all the light they have. That is the group in part, we have been going 15-18 hours by day and night to help!

III
This responsibility has meant additional work to our office force of two, namely, the book-keeper and office secretary.

We remind you that we not only carry the work of Secretary of the Convention Board, and Secretary of the Education Commission but this year saw added that of Director of Evangelism. This calls for much more planning, more engagements to be met and an added volume of correspondence. Our two helpers have given more than one Saturday afternoon and other hours beyond regular schedule in order to keep up with the work.

We mention this so Mississippi Baptists will be sympathetic with them. Your Secretary is busy but getting along nicely, with thanksgiving to God and appreciation for Mississippi Baptists.

We feel this office can, with occasional extra help, as in Campaigns, go along with the work as arranged.

Certainly the department of Missions and the department of Evangelism are handmaidens, going along nicely together. The department of Christian Education is not different in purpose either.

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You will want to pass this song of victory in figures along to your people:

Dr. Alldredge reports 24,932 Baptist churches within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention (18 Southern States and District of Columbia) with a total membership of 4,770,185, a net increase in the number of churches during the year of 386 and a net gain in membership of 174,583. The number of members received by baptism during the year, 256,814, was the largest number by 23,243 ever reported in any one year. The average number of baptisms

LET'S GO

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b, "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profit- ing may appear to ALL."

Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Meadville

Recently Pastor W. W. Kyzer went to Mobile for a meeting and it was our privilege to supply for him at the church and ALSO at his dinner table. The auditorium was full for both services. We had heard that Meadville folks went to church. Now we know it. The hospitality of the Kyzer home is the kind that makes you want to go back.

Franklin County subscribers are listed as follows: Bude 3; Meadville 8; McCall's Creek 8 and 3 R.F.D.; Lucien 3; ROXIE 69 and 3 R.F.D.; O'ZION CHURCH 38; HOPEWELL CHURCH 12.

Bulah Church—Simpson County

Bulah Church near Magee has improved on the indefinite call. Back about 1903 Rev. D. W. Moulder was their pastor for a few years and then he strayed off to another church. A few years later they called him back as pastor at Beulah and in order to keep other churches from bothering him they extended a life-time call. We were present on Saturday night. They have services twice each first Saturday—at 2:30 and 7:30. We know lots of churches that have less on Sunday than this good church had on Saturday. We told them about the merits of the E F Plan and as usual they liked it and we now have a nice list going to Beulah Baptist Church.

Simpson County subscribers are as follows: PLEASANT HILL CHURCH 25; Corinth Church 2; BETHLEHEM CHURCH 25; MAGEE 96 and 2 R.F.D.; ANTIOCH CHURCH 28; MENDENHALL 63 and 3 R.F.D.; Braxton 1; Shivers 4; NEW ZION 20; KENNEDY SPRINGS 27; BULAH CHURCH 59 and D'Lo 1.

Every Family Plan List Grows

Among the almost 40 Baptist churches in Mississippi that have adopted the E F Plan in recent months are: Iuka, R. E. Pate, pastor; Blackwater Church, Kemper County, O. R. Mosely; Roxie, W. W. Kyzer; Toomsaba, L. T. Dyess; Graysport, F. Z. Huffstatter; Shady Grove, Lincoln County, Pace, E. G. Evans; Sledge, R. W. Porter; Benton, A. A. Kitchings; Mathiston, J. B. Middleton; Kennedy Springs, Barney Pad-

for each year for the past 2 has been 202,338. The total number of members received by baptism during the past 20 years has been 4,046,760.

The total number of Southern Baptist Sunday schools is now 23,514, with an aggregate enrolment of 3,368,085, a net gain over the previous year of 57,144, which was the second largest gain in Southern Baptist history. The 3,584 Vacation Bible Schools, with an enrolment of 375,455, had a net gain last year of 111,396. Likewise the Baptist Training Union with its 38,202 organizations and membership of 805,945 had a net gain in enrolment of 63,739, the largest in its history in any one year.

The Woman's Missionary Union organizations reached the grand total of 38,597, which shows an unprecedented net gain of 4,003 organizations. The membership reached a total of 715,402, a net gain of 103,327, one of the greatest gains in history.

The contributions of the churches revealed one of the largest gains in recent years. Total contributions for all causes amounted to \$39,265,687, an increase over the previous year of \$2,999,653. Of this amount, \$5,798,529 went to missions and benevolences. Total value of church property, \$210,446,838, a gain of \$3,778,425. The number of Baptist ministers reported was 22,075, an increase of 386.

gett; Tishomingo Chapel; Rome, H. J. Logan; Old Silver Creek, Jeff Davis County; New Prospect Church, Lincoln County; Neshoba.

Send It—They'll Read It

"Everybody is enjoying reading the Record."—Mrs. Lee Merritt, New Albany, Miss. New Albany has the E F Plan and 280 copies go each week.

They Read It Cover to Cover

Dear Brother Goodrich:

Enclosed you will find \$1.00 for the Record. We are not growing very much in our church work but every one enjoys the Record and they surely do read it from cover to cover. Hope we send in good offerings next Sunday to the Orphanage.—Mrs. Will Hill, Ripley, R.F.D.

One Adopted—One Didn't

Some time ago we visited two churches of about the same membership with other conditions being about the same.

We were presented by one pastor, who said in substance: "I think this plan is worth while. It is the best way I know to get the Record in our Baptist homes. My experience is that it is easier to preach to folk who read their state paper. I certainly hope you can see your way clear to adopt this plan. It will be money well spent."

At the other church, the pastor presented us thusly: "This is Brother A. L. Goodrich, circulation manager of the Baptist Record who has a matter he wants to present."

You have just one guess as to which church adopted the plan.

A Good Idea

"Do not want to miss one issue of the Baptist Record, especially on account of the inspiring editorials. I pass my papers on to the pastor of the colored First Baptist Church here after using it for a couple of weeks."—Miss Helen F. Samain, Biloxi.

And Some Say "They" Won't Read It

"Mr. O. Cooper left 8 cents here with me and wants to pay each month for the Baptist Record to be mailed to Mrs. Bob Billings. Mr. Cooper tells me that he appreciates his Baptist Record and reads it from cover to cover. He says that he finds something there that he does not see in other papers. I was surprised and glad. He says that he enjoys reading about what is happening in China and other places where our missionaries are."—W. A. Topp, Moorhead.

Texas Baptist preachers hold their Evangelistic Conference at Seminary Hill, June 5-9.

In Greensboro, N. C. where Dr. R. Q. Leavell recently led a simultaneous evangelistic campaign there were 507 additions to the churches.

Brother C. S. Moulder reports that the B.S.U. of State Teachers College at Hattiesburg has reached the honor of "First Magnitude."

Pastor J. R. G. Hewlett has Dr. R. B. Gunter with him in a meeting at Pope June 4-10. Pray with them.

Dr. B. W. Spillman of North Carolina, long connected with Sunday school work is at home after a stay of a few weeks in the hospital.

Rev. Percy E. Hailey, Jr., who was graduated from Mississippi College a few years ago becomes pastor of Walters Church in Oklahoma.

The oldest white Baptist Church in Oklahoma is said to be at Atoka. It was organized 70 years ago by Missionary J. S. Murrow.

The Christian Index of Atlanta, Ga., will have a Baptist World Alliance special issue with 200 or more pages.

The commencement sermon for Oklahoma Baptist University this year was preached by Dr. E. C. Routh, editor of the Baptist Messenger.

Among the 70 graduating in the Baylor University College of Medicine this year are four women.

Dr. W. M. Bostick, Mississippian, pastor for several years of Parkland Church, Louisville, Ky., recently welcomed 22 new members.

RUSSELLISM

By A. L. Goodrich

"Pastor" Russell was born in a Congregational home and received his early education in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

His youthful days were largely influenced by morbid pictures of a sizzling hell. He would write on a neighbor's fence warnings to people of hell and its horrors. At seventeen he tried to convert an infidel, but the infidel converted him. This caused him to disavow all his Christian theology and for three years he studied oriental faiths. He found these unsatisfactory and again began a study of the Bible.

Finally he came to the comforting conclusion that the Bible did not teach the doctrine of hell. (The writer's opinion is that he simply made the Bible teach what he wanted it to teach).

This is no new doctrine. Lactantius, a fourth century Latin father, called the "Christian Cicero," did likewise. (See the Millennial Hope by Shirley Jackson Case). Others through the centuries have followed in the footsteps of Lactantius. However, "Pastor" Russell achieved a greater success.

At about the age of twenty, he began a forty-two year ministry during which time he brought soothing messages to people in every nook and corner of the earth.

In 1909 he went to New York and opened two buildings. One was Bethel Chapel and the other the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Later he took over the tabernacle of Henry Ward Beecher, and later used the sainted Beecher's home as his residence. He was the pastor of 1200 or more churches at home and abroad. He was never ordained. His life was constantly beset with difficulties, among which was the divorce suit brought by his wife (the wife won) the alleged affair with Miss Rose Ball; the charge that he was found locked in a room with Miss Emily Matthews; and his unsuccessful suit against the Brooklyn Eagle, over his so-called "Miracle Wheat", which the Eagle charged was just wheat, but sold by "Pastor" Russell for a dollar a pound.

At the end of the millennium, so they teach, when all the dead having had another chance to renounce the devil, those still clinging to the devil will with the devil be completely destroyed.

To "Pastor" Russell, Christ was a mere man, but a perfect one. He was like Adam before the fall. He did concede that he was chosen as a deliverer to lead the race to glory and died a man but was raised a spirit being.

In the "Watch Tower" of May, 1925, put forth the claim that "Pastor" Russell was the angel referred to in Ezek. 8:1-11, saying "Pastor" Russell is undoubtedly this same angel; or seventh messenger of the Church.

Why Russellism Has Grown

He preached an agreeable theology, one that the people want to believe rather than one they needed to believe.

He preached the consoling doctrine that there was no hell, that it was a myth and the Bible never taught it. As one of his audience is said to have remarked, "I am glad you turned the hose on hell and put out the fire."

They learned the value of getting their literature in the hands of the people. If they refused to buy it it was often given. Almost any kind of produce or article will be received in payment for their books. They learned the art of producing books at low cost. Three of their books have been bought for so little as \$1.18. These were full-sized books, well bound, liberally illustrated and containing from three hundred to four hundred pages.

The growth of Russellism may be accounted for by the fact that Pastor Russell always claimed to base his doctrines on the Scriptures. His writings abound in scripture references, even though many of them seem far fetched and some even seem to us to be downright mis-interpretation.

Also, its growth has helped by "Pastor" Russell's violent attacks on the orthodox clergy. Though not unanimous, there are always some

ready to give attentive ear to any attack on any preacher.

A further reason for its growth is his guarantee of exaltation, triumph and prosperity. No doubt about his faithful followers having the overlordship of all. The faithful were to be established in high places and in the seats of the mighty. Fascinating indeed, is the picture of the mortgage owner of today carrying slops for the faithful after the resurrection.

Its Doctrines

As a body the doctrines of Russellism are quite commonplace, but as expounded by the International Bible Students' Association, it becomes at once frightful and sublime.

No other sect of modern times has so completely captured the imagination of the unimaginative.

To orthodox Christians its claims are far-fetched. We refer to their claims that their doctrines are founded on the Bible, that there is no departure from Christianity.

"Pastor" Russell denied any intention of founding a new religion, but only considered himself an inspired interpreter of the Scriptures. (How unfortunate were the millions who lived before him who failed to see the "wonderful truth he found!")

He began with the idea that there was no hell and that to teach it was a frightful heresy. He then proceeded to so interpret the Bible (regardless of its plain language and teachings) as to make it teach what he wanted it to teach.

It is said that one drunken sot remarked in the course of one of his lectures, "Stay with 'em Pastor, we're depending on you."

He declared that the doctrines of immorality was a monstrous fraud—a lie perpetrated by the devil himself. To him death meant obliteration.

He taught that the visible world would fall in 1914, but as the Lord disappointed him, he reset the date several times, but each time the Lord "failed" him, so now no definite date is set. He also claimed that the Lord returned invisibly in 1914 (visible only to the elect.) We are not informed how he explains the scripture, "every eye shall see him." Rev. 1:17.

Equally unscriptural is his explanation of the Creation. According to Pastor Russell, God had two sons, Lagos and Lucifer, who were very likeable lads. And the boys played together in Heaven before the earth was created. But! God was partial to Logos. Finally God decided to create the world. On earth Lucifer was made Lord of the Garden of Eden and had power over death, but responsibility ruined him and he forgot God and planned a rebellion. Satan (Lucifer) induced Adam and Eve to eat of the tree of knowledge and would have done likewise about the tree of life had not God realized the danger and intervened. Hence, Lucifer, being greatly disgusted, became so enraged that he enticed the angels of heaven to cohabit with the daughters of Adam and Eve. And a mongrel race of giants appeared!

Lucifer was on the point of convincing men that he was the rajah of the universe when God sent the flood, thus frustrating his plans.

In the meantime Lucifer created the Roman Catholic church and other sects—Protestant Churches—to spread false teachings. (To him practically every doctrine dear to the heart of Baptists was false.) In his sight the Popes, bishops, all preachers and theological professors were just plain agents of the devil, "disseminating false teachings, among them the unscriptural, God dis-honoring doctrine of the trinity."

He taught that Lucifer would be chained for 1000 years and at the end of that time he would be loosed and all who followed him would be totally destroyed.

Against the churches the Russellites bring the charge that they have "kept the people in ignorance of the Bible, taught the false doctrine of immortality—that they teach the doctrine of eternal torment—where they know that the Bible teaches that "the wages of sin is death," that hell is a state of death or the

tomb; that the dead are unconscious until the resurrection, and that the ransom sacrifice is provided that all in due time may have an opportunity to believe that obey the Lord and live, while the wilfully wicked are to be punished with everlasting destruction."

During his lifetime he distributed and sold some 13,000 pamphlets and books representing 35 languages. His book, "The Divine Plan of the Ages," had a circulation of 5,000,000, and is (per Russellite) next to the Bible in circulation in the English language. The books of his successor, Judge J. F. Rutherford, have already had a circulation of around eleven million.

He was a genius at organization. His plan provided for him a strong hold on his followers. Each ten dollar contributor to the Watch Tower Society, had one vote, but it is said that so well did he hold the reins that not one vote was ever recorded against him. At the time of his death, there were 200,000 votes. At his last appearance in Boston, 2,000 people were turned away. The above figures should convince the reader that he had a following. His successor is known as Judge Rutherford.

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THE PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES

By A. D. Muse, Evangelist
Memphis, Tenn.

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Not long ago we sat in the office of one of the leading lawyers of the city of Memphis talking to him about the work we are doing and the desired enlargement of the work. We mentioned the fact that we wanted to do a type of work in Bible evangelism and Bible teaching and publication of literature and books in cheap form to begin to meet and offset certain very large movements that are majoring on Prophecy and the Lord's coming. He said very emphatically, "Don't you think they are right in most of it? I think they are right. As I read my Bible I see everything fulfilling and shaping up right now for the Lord's coming and it won't be long either." And that man is not on "the lunatic fringe" of the religious world. He is a lawyer of top standing in the Memphis and Shelby bar and his practice is in the first bracket of the mid-south, and his office is a luxuriant suite in one of the most expensive office buildings in the city of Memphis and he teaches the largest Bible class in the mid-south. And that man is a challenge to the ministry of Memphis and the mid-south.

There are two extremes. The first is the preacher who has gone "daffy" on prophecy and the second coming of Christ and is setting forth a vast system of details about how it is going to all work out. He is spreading much energy in those things that should be spent in preaching the Gospel "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." He is taking up much time talking about the Anti-Christ that should be spent preaching Christ and Him crucified. He is propagating a vast system of elaborate plans and details of the Lord's coming again that none of us can know anything about until He comes. And he is turning many conservative minds away from the prophetic Scriptures entirely. Such a program makes for religious fanaticism which is always hurtful. The other extreme is the man who has nothing to do with the prophetic scriptures at all and leaves them entirely to the fanatic, and to perversions of Satan.

The latter lends himself to the spiritualizing of the yet unfulfilled prophecies which is obviously incorrect and plays many of his own people into the hands of the extremist. All over the land there are good people in such churches, pastored by such men, yet, who themselves are studying the scriptures and who see a great body of prophecies that are obviously unfulfilled and that are likewise finding a most obvious fitting into many current movements in present world developments, unable to ever have any guidance in these things from their own pulpits they are soon found drifting about and soon

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they are church tramps, just vagabonding from one religious camp to the other.

There is a further harm that is coming from this latter type and that is he is leaving another group of his people to be an easy prey to the rationalist who discredits the wholly supernatural in the scriptures. Of all things the modernist and higher critics hate it is the prophetic scriptures. They say the Bible must not be taken literally. And they make much of the expression of Paul, "The letter killeth" and make it to apply to the whole body of written scriptures in their contention for the spiritual interpretation of the Word. When as a matter of fact the whole context shows that is not the meaning, but it is a contrast of the law of Moses and the manifest glory at the giving of the law, and the system of Grace and the glory manifest in Christ at the giving of the Grace system. And such is the gross perversion of the spiritualizing of scripture to get rid of the supernatural in the literalizing of scripture. And prophecy and the second coming of Christ is always the greatest target of their shafts of infidelity, piously robed in contention for the Spirit. All ignoring of the prophetic scripture leaves the field wide open for these exploiters of the people and propagandists of even greater error than the extremist the other way around.

To attempt to make every major movement in history to fit some prophecy and hold all such as the fulfillment of prophecy is certainly erroneous and is hurtful to the study of prophecy. But to ignore all current events in their prophetic light is an even greater error. There are many things happening today, especially in connection with the Jew and Palestine, that can not even be understood except in the light of the prophetic scriptures. There are certain European movements that can not be answered for except in the light of the prophetic scriptures. The cautious student of the Word should study all such with his Bible. He should look to the Holy Spirit to guide him in the distinguishing of fulfilled prophecy and he should give all such to his people from the pulpit. There is no warrant in the word of God for any time setting. On the other hand there is certainly ample warrant for studying and discerning of "The signs of the times." And prophecy is certainly set forth in the Scriptures as "The light that shineth in a dark place until the day dawn and the star rises." Every true shepherd of the sheep should give heed to prophecy. Every watchman on the wall should give the warnings that appear in the eastern sky. Such can be done as a part of a well balanced spiritual diet and not out of proportion to the whole body of revealed truth. When such is done over a period of years it builds a body of people that neither the fanatical extremist nor the modernist can make any inroads upon whatever. Such congregation is the old First Baptist Church, New York City. The old James H. Brooks Presbyterian Church in St. Louis; the Mark Matthews First Presbyterian Church in Seattle, Washington. Many others can be named. The Moody Memorial Church in Chicago. And many less notable than these. They are never losing people to the fanatical minorities. And they are free from every form of modernism. They are noted for genuine spirituality and great missionary and evangelistic zeal and accomplishments. They never lack a vast throng to preach to.

Meeting in progress this week at Webb. Pastor Pennebaker is being assisted by Dr. L. E. Green of Poplarville and Singer Robt. Cooper. Pray with them.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance is the "Roll Call of the Nations," when a representative of every Baptist group in all the nations will make a two minutes response when his country is called. They will be there from Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia and the islands of the sea. Dr. W. W. Hamilton, president of the Baptist Bible Institute will respond for Southern Baptists. The list includes fifty or more speakers and countries.

"WE HAVE A LIFT"

C. Oscar Johnson

(Abstract of message by Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, delivered at the meeting of the Oklahoma State Baptist Brotherhood, Thursday, last week).

I have never faced a more interested and dynamic group of men. These men have come here because they want to help in the Lord's work. I heard sometime ago of a man who walked into a book store and asked the clerk for Who's Who and What's What, by Jerome. The clerk looked around, and finally said, "No! do not have that, but we have Who He Is and What He's Got, by Bradstreet." But we are concerned today more about who a man is than what he has got.

Several years ago when I was in Hamburg, Germany, I saw a hotel bus with these words on it, advertising the hotel, "Wir haben ein Lift." The bus was advertising the fact that the hotel had an elevator. "We have a lift—an elevator."

When I saw those words I thought of the statement of Jesus, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." "We have a lift"—an elevator—for the despondent, for the discouraged, for tempted men and women in the depths of sin.

Let me give you a picture of a home in the hills of East Tennessee. Years ago, in a little three-room cabin in the mountains, lived a father, mother, two sons, and a daughter. In one room was a fireplace, and on the side of the room an old-fashioned walnut bed. On the mantel was a clock nearly a hundred years old. At four o'clock every morning the alarm sounded, and we boys knew that it was time to hit the floor. Christmas time we would hang our stockings from the mantel. We would not say, "Merry Christmas," in those days, but "Christmas Gift." In the toe of the stocking would be an apple or orange, then maybe some paper for a filling, then a stick of candy, and maybe some more paper for a filling, and perhaps a tin horn sticking out at the top.

All are in Glory now except the two boys, but we could say in that home, "We have a lift." The lift came in several ways. It seems to be out of date these days, but then, three times every day, the family was called to session around the table to eat the simple "grub," but before we ate, the father, the high priest of the home clasped his hands and bowed his head and talked to Somebody I couldn't see, Somebody he saw. Sometimes I used to peep through my fingers; I never saw such an expression on any face as the expression of faith and reverence on the face of my father. In that home we had a lift.

That grand old father never had the advantages that we have had. He did not have the schooling that his children had. But he said to us children, "There is one thing I can do. If you will stand on my shoulders so that you can see farther than I ever saw, I will bear you up." All over the land are dads who may be crushed to the ground by the children whom they are lifting up. There are multitudes of young men and women these days who cherish the ideals which they received in old-fashioned homes which loved God. They had a lift.

When I was six years old, the father said, "I want you to go to school." We walked two and a half miles to a three months' school. How much we owe to that little old school! When old Jeff Scruggs, the teacher, got up and read from the Bible and then prayed, somehow something came into our hearts which we could not understand then, but I understand now. He was saying to the boys and girls in school, "we have a lift." He was saying to me, "Little boy, I want you to grow up and be a man." These days we hire people to supervise our schools and look after our children and forget about the deepest thing in their lives. I said to my own children as they were growing up, "You can choose your school so long as you choose a Christian college."

When I went to that little country school I had to learn each letter, A—, B—, C—. I learned twenty-six of them, although it took me a long

time to learn them. Every one of those twenty-six characters was an elevator. I got a lift.

One day dad told us that we are not all body and mind; he hitched up the old wagon and drove four miles to a Sunday school. I had never heard of a Sunday school before. Those little country churches in East Tennessee and all over the land are places where the people can say, "We have a lift." Over these little churches can be hung the sign, "We have a lift."

Jesus could say, what all the dictators and monarchs in the world cannot say, to the man who was let down by the four men, "Thy sins be forgiven all." Jesus could speak to dead men, and call them to life. Never another man came who could do that. He stood at the grave of a dead man and said, "Lazarus, come forth," and the dead man came from his tomb. "We have a lift."

We have just passed the celebration of Easter. I preached to my people that Christ arose. He said, "Because I live, ye shall live, also." I thought of the burden of sorrow on multitudes. I told them that our hope was not in philosophy but in the risen Christ. We can hang up a sign by the open tomb, "We have a lift." We can go into the hospitals which were made possible by the teaching and ministry of Jesus and say, "We have a lift." Recently a good woman in our city who made a generous gift to our building program, went to an operating room for a delicate operation on her eyes. She had not been able to see enough to read. I saw the veil taken away from her eyes and darkness removed. She is able to say, "We have a lift."

You may hang that sign over the churches of men who preach the Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ. For twenty-nine years I have known only one message, and that is, Christ the only hope for a lost world. He is the only hope, but He is enough hope. We do not need anyone else. We are endeavoring to re-capture the old-time fires of evangelism. It is a joy to see men saved. The longer I live the more I love Jesus. The older I get the more I see what he and he alone can do. "We have a lift." The Gospel which we preach goes down and places loving, clean, nail-pierced Hands under the sinner and lifts him up. Let us tell the world we have got a lift.

When I was pastor at Tacoma, Washington, before going to St. Louis, one day a deacon took me through the shipyards. I saw two flat cars loaded with scrap iron which was twisted and burned and rusted. Then came another car with a crane on it, and a huge electric magnet. That magnet was let down over the iron which leaped up and caught hold, and the other pieces of iron which could not reach the magnet were lifted by other pieces which had touched the magnet. I have seen broken, twisted, blasted lives that seemed hopeless touched by the uplifted Christ. There swung out over them a Cross, and on that Cross was a Man. God came down in Christ and touched human scrap iron and lifted it. Not all caught hold of the magnet, but they caught hold of others who were charged with the same power. Jesus touched men and they touched others with that same power here in Oklahoma. We have got a lift. The power of Christ still lives and lifts. Remember Him who said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." Because of that, we have a lift—an elevator—that will take men from earth to heaven.

Scott County Sunday School Association met at Forest, May 14. Mr. F. L. Coker is superintendent. This meeting is held quarterly separate from the B.T.U. meeting, in various churches in the county. The next meeting will be with Hopewell Church August 20 at 2 p. m. Officers are F. L. Coker, supt.; Evangelistic superintendent, H. D. Jordan; Training superintendent, B. F. Duncan; secretary, Mrs. Geo. Gatewood. Group superintendents are J. C. Hamilton, Jr., Crawford Youngblood, B. O. Myers, Leo Lee. Mr. Alton Gatewood, student in Clarke College, made an inspiring talk on Training Schools, and asks cooperation of the churches in holding study courses throughout the county beginning June 1.

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We thank Dr. Lipsey for the splendid account of the first session of our W.M.U. meeting in Oklahoma City. We will try to pick up the threads there and give some of the remaining high lights.

The two remaining devotionals were based on our Hymn for the year, "I Love To Tell The Story." Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Texas had for her subject Tuesday morning "The Sweetest Story Ever Told." She certainly led us to walk with Jesus in Galilee. She said when God would wake the hearts of the world He laid a baby on our doorsteps. A baby that would make a woman weep—No one was afraid to come—not even the Shepherds. He came so gently, so humbly, so sweetly—she had us walk with Him in Nazareth, in Canaan of Galilee at the wedding, in Capernaum with the Centurion, in Nain of Galilee with the widow and death. Her climax was in the walk to the Cross.

If you read these stories anew in God's Word you will be impressed with the sweetness of the Story we have to tell.

Miss Mallory's report came next. She dedicated this annual report of the Golden Jubilee year to Miss Annie W. Armstrong, our first Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, S.B.C.; that served 18 years without salary. She went Home to Heaven December 20th. Miss Mallory used many quotations from Miss Armstrong's reports to the Union. She once said "Truly our report is one to call forth thanksgiving and hope. Let it nerve every one of us to renewed endeavor, fortified by more earnest and faithful prayer." Quoting from Miss Mallory "Particularly fitting was it that the Union Jubilee Year should show marked progress along every line, a fact which in my twenty-seven years as a secretary has never before been known to occur."

We had a net gain of 4003 organizations, making a total number of 38,597. There was an increase in Mission Study awards, covenant signing tithers, full graded A-1 Unions—gifts to the Cooperative Program and the gifts to the Home and Foreign Weeks of Prayer went far beyond any record we had ever made.

Miss Mallory closed with this significant quotation from Miss Armstrong, "The past is glowing with God's blessings upon the consecrated labors of His children. The future is rich in promise of greater things in store. Encouraged equally by the retrospect and prospect let us start again with a quickened pace, a wider outlook, a higher aim and a deepening faith in our Father God." All other reports were equally inspiring and encouraging—each was spoken to by a missionary.

The last message of the morning was that of our President, Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, using the subject, "A Lasting Labor of Love." It will be an incentive to any reader of this message to render a "lasting labor of love." Her last significant paragraph begins thus: "This organization has been consistent in its purpose to be helper to the S.B.C. in carrying out its missionary work. Its entire life and program of activity are geared to this end. In this good cause it purposes to go forward in the years that are ahead. To this purpose we, its members, rededicate ourselves."

The high hour of the afternoon session was reached when Dr. Scarborough addressed us. He charged us with great responsibility in the Southwide Baptist Revival. He spoke of the power of organized Christianity and the power of womanhood witnessing for a lost world. He aroused us with this significant statement, "If

you fail in evangelism—your failure would be the greatest failure in Christianity."

Wednesday morning Miss Blanche White led the devotional using this subject, "The Most Powerful Story Ever Told." She said it has conquered and will conquer hate, that story has conquered and will conquer death, that story has conquered and will conquer sin. She used very effective illustrations under each point. Then she said this story needs two things: a messenger who has been conquered and a messenger that has been crucified. God gives a throne and a crown—both must be occupied.

We will ever be grateful for the burning message of Dr. Geo. W. Truett as he brought the closing address. He used these words, "Then took Mary a pound of ointment" and asked us to read Matthew's and John's story. He said this is a revealing story of Mary and Jesus. It reveals an exquisite tenderness of Jesus toward woman. He received this gift without embarrassment, she brought her best, she brought her best in time. We went away ready to give our best, our all for Him.

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Our Training School

While in Annual Session at Clarksdale the Training School Building Project was presented to our Union and after full discussion it was voted enthusiastically to accept Mississippi's apportionment of Seven Thousand Dollars to be raised this year. Immediately following this, our Executive Secretary sent out a letter to each society. So we have the matter before us and we are thinking in terms of our part of this great project.

Our state has always co-operated with the other states in the work and we will this time. Mississippi is closely connected with the past history of our Training School in Louisville known as House Beautiful. It was a Mississippi man who conceived the idea of a training school for women who desired to give their lives in Kingdom service. It was a Mississippi woman who helped shape the policies and direct the activities of the school for many years; Mrs. George B. Eager is known as one of the founders of this great missionary institution. Our daughters during the years have acquitted themselves creditably, we have two now who are directing the W.M.U. work of our state. We are proud indeed of the record of our state in connection with the Training School and it will be with eager hearts, willing minds and helpful hands that we enter into this effort to build adequate quarters for our school, counting it a privilege to share in its promotion.

We are fortunate indeed to have Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, manager and superintendent of the Training School in our District meetings, this will be an added reason why each of us will spare no effort to attend at least one of these meetings and also see that others likewise do. We want to familiarize ourselves with everything pertaining to the Training School these days and enter heartily into the plans for this big effort.

In Oklahoma City at the recent Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union there was presented to the Convention Miss Mary Lucille Saunders, daughter of missionary parents serving in China. She is the 198th alumna of this school to go out in foreign service, not to mention the many hundreds who have and are doing work in the Homeland, graduates of this school.

At the heart of our Training School is the missionary purpose. One of our missionaries,

Miss Pearl Todd of China who spoke at the annual meeting last week said, "Our Louisville school is an institution of destiny." Indeed we agree with her. We all know the value of House Beautiful and we give the Heavenly Father the praise of our hearts for the privilege that is ours now to show our appreciation by joining hearts and hands in this earnest effort to provide suitable buildings and equipment that our daughters "polished after the similitude of a palace" may continue to have proper preparation for Christian service.—Mrs. Ned Rice.

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Wichita, Kansas, has invited the Northern Baptist Convention to meet there in 1941. Their places of meeting are decided two years in advance.

Florida Baptists hold their summer Assembly at Stetson University, De Land, June 6-14. Dr. W. C. Tyler of Blue Mountain is one of the teachers.

Rev. T. L. Sasser of Reidsville, N. C. now has an assistant pastor due to the healthy growth of the church. An educational annex has also become a necessity. Tom is one of our own.

Revival meeting at Durant begins June 7. Rev. W. W. Kyzar will preach and Rev. Joe Canzoneri will lead the singing. Pastor W. R. Haynie asks that you join them in prayer.

At Forest Pastor A. B. Wood will have Evangelist T. O. Reese of Florida with him in meeting beginning June 4. Rev. W. W. Grafton of Hattiesburg will have charge of the singing.

In spite of many extra duties, Editor E. C. Routh, gives one of the best reports of the Convention we have seen. He is an example of wide awake, good common sense.

It is said that in comparison with their numbers more Jews have become Christians than have come from the heathens among whom the gospel is preached.

Rev. Leo Green, one of our Mississippians, was recently in a meeting with Pastor Norman W. Cox in Huntington, W. Va. It was specially for young people. There were 44 additions to the church, 40 of them by baptism.

While Pastor S. H. Jones of Brookhaven preached the Bogue Chitto commencement sermon Sunday night, Rev. James Allgood, pastor of Mt. Zion, a full time rural church, supplied at Brookhaven.

Dr. Geo. W. Truett will preach June 11-18 in a meeting in Temple Church, Los Angeles, the week preceeding the Northern Baptist Convention. There are said to be 50,000 Baptists in the city without church connection.

Commencement exercises of Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, were held May 30. Miss Mallory addressed the class of 15 young women graduating. Miss Mather also took part in the program. Two of the graduates were Mississippians, Miss Mary Jim Holland of Carriere and Johnnie Mabel Van Osdol of Pascagoula.

We are glad that Fleming H. Revell has brought out a new and popular priced edition of "We Would See Jesus," a book of sermons by Dr. Geo. W. Truett that everybody ought to read. It can be had of the Baptist Book Store for \$1.00.

Editor W. C. Allen says in The Baptist Courier: We felt that it was a good Convention. There were no outstanding developments, unless it be the continued effort to withstand the unionizing movement which is so prevalent at the present time. The general feeling is that Southern Baptists can give their best witness to the truth as they hold it in their present Convention organization without compromising with any outside influences. The Convention expressed itself quite clearly on this matter.

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East Mississippi Department

By R. L. BRELAND

"In 1919, on the eve of Prohibi-
tion, Philadelphia, Pa., had 1820
liquor licenses. Today, the city li-
censes 3,043 places to sell liquors
and 280 to sell beer only."—Satur-
day Evening Post.

I recently made the statement
in this column, giving my authority,
that Rev. T. J. Blass had come to
Mississippi to take up the work of
Rev. L. G. Grantham, who was re-
tiring. I have some protests to this
statement saying it is not correct.
Sorry if any wrong was done
through the statement.

Rev. T. J. Blass states that his
health gave way while on his work
in Kansas and that he had returned
to Mississippi for treatment, and
is improving in health.

Mrs. Ella Gunn of Scuna Valley
Baptist Church, near Coffeeville,
Miss., says that the work of the
W. M. S. is moving along in a
splendid way. This is a small group
of faithful women out at Scuna
Valley. The church will begin its
revival meeting the first Sunday in
July with Pastor Saucier doing the
preaching.

Scuna Valley Baptist Church,
Yalobusha County, lost one of its
good members recently in the death
of brother Floyd Boyle who died
May 8th. He leaves a wife and
three children to mourn his going.
His body was buried in the New
Hope Cemetery, Rev. N. B. Saucier
officiating.

A letter from Mrs. C. M. Taylor
of Coffeeville Baptist Church tells
of the B. T. U. study course in
that church. Miss Wilds is leading
the course, assisted by the pastor,
Mrs. C. C. Pate and others. The at-
tendance was reported good.

Nothing cheers one when away
from home and acquaintances like
a visit from one he knows. Recently
a man came to see me. I did not
recognize him. He introduced him-
self as Ethel Bassett. Then I knew.
He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed-



DR. CHAS. D. JOHNSON

Blue Mountain, Miss., May 29.—
Dr. Charles D. Johnson, director of
publications and professor of jour-
nalism at Baylor University, who
will teach social science in Blue
Mountain College's summer session
which begins June 6. Dr. Johnson
is editor of the national magazine,
Social Science. He led the Scrib-
bler's Club of Blue Mountain Col-
lege in founding the Southwest
Journalism Congress at Baylor
University in 1928, which includes
the states of Texas, Louisiana, and
Oklahoma. Dr. Johnson is chairman
of the Educational Commission of
the Southern Baptist Convention.
He received a double major for the
Ph.D. degree at the University of
Iowa in English and Social Science.
He is a native of Mississippi, hav-
ing been born and reared at Bruce,
and is a graduate of Mississippi
College, Clinton.

gar Bassett of Neshoba, Miss. He
now lives at Lytle, Texas, where
he has been for 30 years. He is a
member of one of the best families
in Neshoba County.

A letter from Dr. J. R. Hitt of
Mississippi College, was much ap-
preciated. Among other things he
said: "You have not been much
known to me since I taught in Clarke
College, but I have known of your
work very well through the Baptist
Record. After having known your
son, Clyde, so well and so favor-
ably here in college I have often
felt that I really know you quite
intimately. By the way, we have
been much gratified at the splen-
did record Clyde has made as a
minister and pastor. I have hoped
to see him since he came farther
south. Such men as Clyde speak
more for their alma mater than
anything else."

A Bible student sends the follow-
ing which I submit for your consid-
eration: "I feel sure Mussolini is
the healing of the wounded head
of the old pagan Roman Empire,
and Hitler is the Beast spoken of
as coming up out of the earth to
assist the former Beast. As you
know Germany was not a part of
the old Roman Empire which came
up out of the Mediterranean Sea or
surrounded it; and if they are the
two Beasts, men spoken of in Rev.
13, then it will not be many more
years before the Lamb will be
standing on Mt. Zion, Rev. 14:1
which will bring in the Golden Age
of the 1000 years of the reign of



DR. ARTHUR STOVALL



DR. ULLIN W. LEAVELL

Commencement speakers for Blue Mountain College pictured above
are: Dr. Arthur Stovall (left), Elizabethtown, Ky., baccalaureate
sermon May 28. Dr. Ullin W. Leavell, professor of education, Pea-
body College, Nashville, Tenn., baccalaureate address May 31.

RESOLUTION America and China's Invasion

The Southern Baptist Convention
with more than 4,000 messengers
present from churches of 18 states
representing a denomination of
more than four and a half mil-
lion communicant members, and
now in session at Oklahoma City,
hereby expresses our deep sense of
regret and dissatisfaction with the
large part American manufacturers
and merchants are having in the
revolting, inhuman and barbaric in-
vasion and spoliation of China by
Japan, involving as it does the
wanton, wholesale slaughter of the
Chinese people in the effort to
subjugate the Chinese and destroy
the independence of China.

We understand and sympathize
with the normal needs of Japan
but these cannot justify the im-
perialism of the militaristic regime
by which the human rights of an-
other people are ruthlessly disre-
garded. We are especially concern-
ed over the fact that Americans
are sharing so largely in this un-
holy work and without interfer-
ence by the American government.
We most earnestly plead with our
National administration and our
Congress most speedily to take ev-
ery possible measure to stop the
supply of the instruments and ma-
terials of destruction from flow-
ing from our country into Japan.
the Lord Jesus on this earth." I
do not give the author's name. Many
of you will know. He would not ob-
ject to his identity being known.

And we instruct our Secretaries to
transmit this action to the Presi-
dent of the United States, the State
Department and the Chairmen of
the Committees on Foreign Affairs
of both the Senate and the House
of Representatives.

We further suggest the eminent
desirability that our people through-
out the territory of our Convention
shall write to their representatives
in both Houses of Congress,
earnestly urging action to stop
American participation in this war
of conquest.

(Offered by W. R. White, Okla-
homa City, Okla., and adopted by
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session in Oklahoma City, May 20,
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Sunday School Lesson

By BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for Sunday, June 5
PAUL'S POWERFUL PLEADING
Bible Text: Acts 21:15-26:32

I. Paul's Client.

Paul is not here pleading for himself directly. Paul is identified with his client, but his client is nevertheless very real to him. The Jews thought they had Paul on trial, but even they knew—that is the leaders among them—that they were after another of far more consequence to them than Paul.

Paul was bound up with his client, that is true, but Paul's client was his Lord. Paul might upon several occasions have gone Scot free as far as he was personally concerned; but he could not do so and leave the good name of his Lord without a defender. I make not the slightest doubt that, on the night of his original arrest in Jerusalem, he could very easily have invoked his Roman citizenship to secure his release. As little do I doubt that he could have bought his freedom from Felix. A little money and a little flattery would have turned the trick. But Paul must fill up the measure of the sufferings of his client, beside which nothing else mattered. "I am ready, not only to be bound, but to die at Jerusalem, for the name of the Lord Jesus." That was Paul, and his pleading all through these trials is pleading not for himself primarily, but for his Risen Lord.

II. Paul's Extended Apology.

Acts 26.

1. Lysias had rescued Paul from the mob and, having discovered a plot upon the part of the Jews to kill him, had sent him down to Caesarea, the seat of the provincial governor. Felix had heard Paul but had not released him. Two years had passed, and another governor had come in Felix' place, and this governor, Festus, had heard Paul, having been urged by the Jewish leaders to send Paul back to Jerusalem, they intending to way-lay his escort and kill Paul on the road. Festus had the accusers come down to Caesarea, and having heard Paul was, no doubt, convinced that he was not guilty of death but, wishing to curry favor with the prominent Jews, he asked Paul whether he were willing to go back to Jerusalem to be judged. Whether Festus knew of the purpose of the Jews to kill Paul matters little, if Festus could contrive some way to satisfy his superiors in office. One dead Jew more or less made little difference to Festus. But Paul appealed to Rome, and Festus decided to send him there. Then came the duty of preparing records of Paul's trials to send to the court of the Emperor, and Festus did not know on what exact charge Paul had been committed. Then came Agrippa to Caesarea. So Festus arranged for Paul to speak before this king in order that they both, Festus and

Agrippa, might get a clear idea as to what the charge against this man really was. So they appointed Paul a day in court, and the whole court came out to hear what he would say. Here then stood Paul facing his first opportunity to speak for his Lord before a king.

When all things were ready, Festus made a brief address in which he set forth the circumstances under which he had become acquainted with the case in hand, and the fact of Paul's appeal to Caesar, and of the governor's desire for more facts concerning the merits of the case than he then had in hand. So Festus left further proceedings in the hands of King Agrippa, who said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak in your own behalf."

2. The Apology.

a. Introduction.

Paul knows Agrippa as a man well versed in Jewish literature and customs. For that reason Paul is glad to make his apology before the king, and craves a patient hearing.

b. All the Jews know that Paul had been bred a Pharisee, and that he took rank among the very strictest of this strict sect.

c. In his breeding as a Pharisee, Paul had become one of those who confidently looked for the coming of the Messiah, and now he has been brought to judgment before this king because of the course into which his belief on the Messiah had led him. This belief had led him the more readily to accept the resurrection of the dead as a fact since he had met the raised-up Messiah.

d. He had thought it right to persecute the followers of the Nazarene because he could not conceive of this Nazarene as the promised Messiah. He had, therefore, persecuted the Christians unto the death.

e. He had journeyed to Damascus for the purpose of arresting all the Christians he could find, when the Lord arrested him on the highway nigh Damascus.

Here then is the story of a hunter who got caught, of a detective who got arrested, of an earnest man who thought he was serving God, having God smite him to the earth and show him that he had not been doing the will of God at all. I live in a city where there are 50,000 people who think they are serving God, but are not, unless I myself am terribly mistaken. So Paul here is smitten to the earth that he might be made to hear what the Lord wanted to say to him. And when he came to know the Lord, He was the very Jesus Whom Paul had been persecuting.

f. The Lord commissions Paul on the spot with a general commission to witness for Him. He was to go into perils from which the Lord would deliver him, both among Jew and gentile. He was to testify to the end that the lost of every nation may turn from darkness to light, and from the dominion of Satan to God. As a result of his witnessing people were to receive remission of sins, and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith.

g. Paul's response to this vision. He says he was not disobedient to it. Here we have a man striving to live up to his highest conception of the good. I wish I did that, do you? Do you live up to the best you know? Are you always obedient to the heavenly vision? Do you always listen to the upward call of the heavenly voice?

h. In following this vision, Paul had come upon many trials, through which he has stood by the help of God; but he had been true to the hope of his people inspired by the word of Moses and the prophets. This hope included a hope of the resurrection of the dead.

3. Festus' Interruption.

And the governor interrupted Paul by saying, "Paul, you are mad. Much study is running you mad."

Paul could have answered, "No, Governor, you are the madman here! And so also is everyone else who shuts his eyes to the light and stops his ears against the truth. You could know, as King Agrippa does know, that I am relating actual happenings."

4. Agrippa's Sneeer.

"You think that with a little persecution you can make me a Christian?" "I could pray God that, whether with little or with much, not only you but every one else in this presence were as I am except for these chains which bind me."

"I wish I could give you all the good I have, with not one bit of the bad. If only I could give you blessings alone, I should be happy. I would not for anything give you a curse. I would have you enjoy all the brightness which has come into my life, but I would have you the victim of no darkness at all. All the joy, none of the sorrow; all of the sweetness, none of the unpleasantness, this my desire and prayer for you." Now, that is the spirit of Christianity. Magnify it, multiply it, apply it. The earnestness which persecutes is not Christianity. The zeal which suffers martyrdom, but will not seek to bind body or conscience, is the zeal which is Christian.

Was Agrippa seeking to make sport of Paul? If so, he must that day have realized that he was having dealings with a man who would not be turned aside by trifles. Any one of us must make up his mind to be made sport of sometimes, by those unfortunates whom the devil has blinded. Even so, let us still be earnest for our Lord; so shall we witness a good confession.

ANNOUNCEMENT

By Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary

It is with peculiar pleasure that I announce to our Baptist people throughout the South the acceptance by Dr. C. H. Bolton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida, of the call of

the Relief and Annuity Board to be its associate secretary.

Dr. Bolton has for twelve years been pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, and prior to that time was pastor of the Southside Church in Montgomery, Alabama for eight years, and then of the Norwood Church in Birmingham for three years. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for several years and recently has served on its Administrative Committee. He has been a member of the State Board of Florida and a trustee of Stetson University for several years, and recently was elected president of the Florida Baptist Convention. Prior to entering the Seminary, Dr. Bolton was a business man, and his training was such as to especially fit him for the work to which he has been called.

The work of the Relief and Annuity Board is expanding steadily and even rapidly, and for several years we have been in quest of a suitable and available man who would assist the Executive Secretary in this work. Dr. Bolton will live in Dallas and his business address will be 2002 Tower Petroleum Building, after June 1.

We bespeak for Dr. Bolton a warm welcome on the part of our people and their fullest cooperation with him as he labors in this connection.

—BR—

Righton: The Lord is still blessing his work. We had an unusually good program on Mother's Day with 253 in Sunday school, 80 women present, 33 grandmothers, 5 grandmothers above 70 years of age, 6 mothers with 10 or more children. Oldest mother present was 79. Just closed a glorious revival Friday night, assisted by Rev. Horatio Mitchell of New Orleans and brother Lamar Alexander of B.B.I.—T. R. Coulter.

—BR—

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Please Note

The new Intermediate Vacation Bible School book will not be available until June 5. All the others are in the Baptist Book Store, Jackson.

If June 5 is too late to get the new Intermediate book for your school, just use the old one. Those programs are good. If you do not have one of the old Intermediate books, and your school begins before the new book is available, write the Sunday School Department, Box 503, Jackson, and we can possibly help you out in this matter.

The Assembly

Be sure and plan to attend the Mississippi Baptist Assembly at the Woman's College, Hattiesburg, July 3-8. We have a splendid program and the rates are most reasonable. It is always one of the most delightful weeks of the entire year. Wholesome social activities, delightful fellowship with Christian friends from all parts of the state, rest for our physical bodies, minds enlarged and made keener through great teaching periods, souls inspired and lifted up to greater heights, are some of the features awaiting all who attend the Assembly. Save the date and come.

South Jackson

Rev. and Mrs. Percy M. Cooper, in school at the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, during the session just closed, are now working in South Jackson with a view to establishing a mission, and possibly a church, for the Baptists in that section of the Capital City. In a recent census, about 250 Baptists were found in that section whose membership is in no church in the city. On their first Sunday, meeting in a residence, there were 27 in Sunday school, 29 at preaching, and there was one profession of faith.

Why Isn't There a Cradle Roll Department in Your Church?

We are very grateful to Dr. T. L. Holcomb and the Sunday School Board for continuing the free Cradle Roll offer for the rest of this calendar year. If you haven't organized a Cradle Roll in your church, won't you write us to send you this free offer filled with all the material needed for organizing this department? What a great privilege to give to the little ones, their parents and homes the spiritual food this department offers! Too, you will want to observe Cradle Roll Day in your Sunday school, if you haven't already. Mrs. M. F. Lutz, Cradle Roll superintendent at First Church of Biloxi writes: "We had a glorious 'Cradle Roll Day' today. We had twenty babies and those babies, standing or being held by their mothers around a tiny baby in a bassinet was just the sweetest sight I've ever had a part in. One man said, 'I think Heaven is like that.'" We will be glad to furnish free copies of a Cradle Roll Day service called, "For Baby's Sake."

COPIAH-LINCOLN, WESSON

Today, May 18, we have closed a most successful year in student work at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. Commencement exercises were held today and the graduates awarded their diplomas and certificates.

We have but recently organized the B.S.U. to coordinate the various Baptist activities on the campus. Officers elected by the Baptist students are as follows: president, Aranelle Lofton; 1st vice-president, Elmer Brumfield; 2nd vice-president, Willie Mae Flannagan; 3rd vice-president, Marilyn Russell and Embra Page; secretary-treasurer, Eva Pittman; reporter, Grace Turner. The ex-officio officers are as follows: Faculty advisers, Mr. C. S. Wilson and Miss Sarah Anne Turner; Sunday school class representatives, Elmese Tate and W. D. Ellis; B.Y.P.U. presidents, Hilda and Edgar Allen Legette; Y.W. A. president, Hilda Howell; Mark Lowry, pastor.

The B.S.U. secretary elected by the church is James Fairchild, a senior in Mississippi College, a graduate of Copiah-Lincoln and a native of Wesson.

We are sending the following to Ridgecrest: Aranelle Lofton, Grace Turner, Elmese Tate, Edith Nelle Byrd, Hilda Howell, Edgar Allen Legette and possibly some others. The missionary society of our church is bearing part of the expense of two of the girls.

The Bible department has had a good year also. Thirty-five students have completed the work this semester. Something like 150 Sunday school awards have been delivered to Bible students.

Now we turn to the activities of the local church for the summer months. We have planned study courses, a vacation Bible school and a revival meeting. There is real spiritual life in the Baptist Church at Wesson. Pray for us.—Mark Lowry, Pastor.

CLARKE COLLEGE

Those receiving diplomas are Ida Mae Blass, Newton; Estelle Bruce, Newton; Bernard Baucum, Newton; Mamie Buckley, Enterprise; Henry Chisholm, Belzoni; Opal Agnes Cook, Grayson, La.; Harry P. Dayton, Citronelle, Ala.; Mabie Lou Dickerson, Lucedale; Dora Louise Eubanks, Lucedale; Mary Elizabeth Fontaine, Quitman; Aaron Foy, New Orleans, La.; Lewis Carnes Giles, Kosciusko; Eli Green, Lucedale; Glenn Harbin, Cullman, Ala.; John Monroe Harmon, Union; Mrs. J. M. Harmon, Union; Tivola Holland, Vossburg; Edwin Knight, Union; Johnnie Laney, Tupelo; Harold Mason, Newton; Hettie Jean Mason, Newton; Victor McMullan, Newton; Gaston Mooney, Sanford; Evelyn Moore, Collinsville; Kelva Moore, Carthage; Roy Phillips, Louin; Arthur L. Royals, Newton; Paul Scott, Bay Springs; J. Prentiss Scott, Bay Springs; Aubrey Smith, Piave; Jack Weaver, Newton; Wilbur Williams, Newton; Arthur Windham, Newton; and Harry P. Mallette, Mobile, Ala.

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AN APPEAL FOR A WOMAN
By Louis J. Bristow, Superintendent

"I always read with deep interest your articles which appear in THE BAPTIST RECORD," writes a brother in Mississippi. "The good you are doing at the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans is so much like that done in Bible times. What was done for me in your institution is beyond expression and I will ever be grateful. I am old and feeble, but I am not complaining. I am only thankful that I am able to preach God's word on each Lord's day, thanks to what you did for me. I have full time country work. My people are very poor. I get my board and laundry and from \$3.00 to \$10.00 in money a month."

"But, Doctor, I am writing in the interest of one of the best women I ever knew. She loves her church, her Lord and her Saviour; and she loves lost souls. She is a teacher in the Sunday School and a leader in the Senior B.Y.P.U. She washes and irons that she might have 50 cents a week for the Lord's work, which she puts in every Sunday. But she now is sick and greatly needs to go to a hospital. She has no money and our church is too poor to send her. Can you take her in? I, she and the church would be grateful. Please give careful consideration to this appeal and let me hear from you."

There is more in the letter, but this gives an idea. Nor is this letter unusual. Not a day passes that we do not get such appeals. I publish a few of them to advise Christian folk who desire to help the suffering poor. The Southern Baptist Hospital will be the medium through which you may serve. Names will be furnished upon request.

New Orleans.

WESTERN TRIP

I am planning a long trip through a dozen states in the west. We will see Carlsbad Cavern, Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, Los Angeles, Yosemite, World's Fair, Washington, Oregon, Canada, Yellowstone Park, Salt Lake City, the Rockies, Pike's Peak, Denver, the great wheat fields and oil fields of Texas, the Ozarks and a great many other interesting places and things.

We will be gone about a month and travel about 7,000 miles. The cost to each passenger will be one cent per mile for meals and transportation. We will camp out, do our own cooking and take our own beds. I have a first class bus and can accommodate at least a dozen passengers. Hope to start June 5. If more than a dozen passengers apply will take a car also.—Rev. W. B. Phipps, Natchez, Miss.

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Get Down to Facts.—Restaurant Customer: Take this ham sandwich back and give me another one. This thing doesn't taste right.

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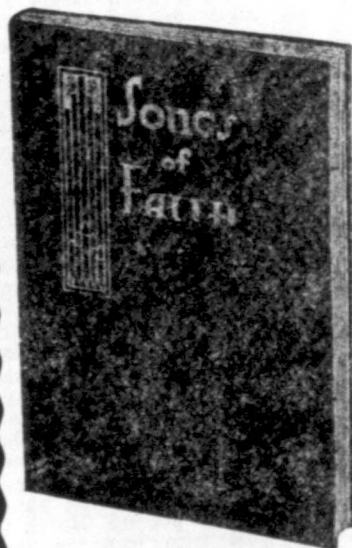
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(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear children;

Besides the gifts which you find mentioned in the letters on our page, we have received a dollar from our good friend Mrs. E. B. Traylor. She always comes with her offering at just the right time. I'm sure you join me in thanking her. Also there comes a check for four dollars from the Colorado chapter of the Jeannie Lipsey club. They say that this will help catch up some of what is due, but my books fail to show them ever behind. That does not mean, however, that we do not intend to accept this contribution with the greatest pleasure and gratitude.

I've been expecting to hear some reports from you about your daily vacation Bible schools. The one here in my town is in full swing. Won't you let us hear from yours? Tell us something of what you are doing in D. V. B. S., or at home, or on a vacation visit or trip. We're interested. And don't forget the orphans and our Baptist Bible Institute scholarship fund.

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

BIBLE STUDY

Peter Heals Aeneas and Restores Dorcas

(Read Acts 9:32-45)

Peter went through different parts of the country, preaching and visiting the churches. As he traveled, he came to the city of Lydda, and there he found a man, Aeneas, who had been sick for eight years with the palsy and had not been able to leave his bed. Peter said to him "Aeneas, Jesus Christ makes you well. Rise and make your bed." Immediately, he arose, well. All who lived at Lydda and in the country nearby knew about this wonderful healing and many believed on Jesus.

At Joppa, a city not far from Lydda, there was a believer named Dorcas, also called Tabitha. This woman did many good deeds and was very kind and helpful to the poor. Dorcas became sick and died. Her friends prepared her body to be buried and laid it in an upper room. Because Lydda was not far from Joppa where Peter was, the disciples sent two men there, asking Peter to come to them quickly. Peter arose and returned with them. When they had brought him to the house, they took him into the upper room where the body of Dorcas lay. The poor widows whom Dorcas had helped were in the room and were showing the coats and garments that Dorcas had made for them. Peter put everyone out of the room and knelt down and prayed. Then he turned to the dead body and said "Tabitha, arise." She opened her eyes as one waking out of sleep and when she saw Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her to get up. He called her friends who were in the house and returned her to them alive. Peter stayed in Joppa many days at the house of a man called Simon, a tanner.

Longview, Miss., 5/20/39.
Dear Mrs. Steele;

This is my first letter to write you. I am sending ten cents to the orphan children. I am seven years old, and will be in the third grade this fall.

I go to church and Sunday school. I enjoy reading the Children's Circle.

Your new friend,
Dimple Ann Childress.

What a pretty name you have, Dimple Ann! Do you look like it sounds? Thank you for remembering the children who have no father and mother.—F. L. S.

Lake, Miss., May 22, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele;

Enclosed find seventy cents from birthday contributors of Oak Grove Sunday school to be applied to the Orphanage fund. Even though small in amount, we like to think that we are doing something for the children to have a place in which to live comfortably.

We always enjoy the Children's Circle and especially your interesting and clever puzzles each week.

Sincerely,

Mrs. George Gatewood.

Mrs. Gatewood, your words and offering are very encouraging. Thank you for both. Be sure to thank every giver who had a part.—F. L. S.

Hernando, Miss., 5/23/39

My dear Mrs. Steele and children;

Have you ever been in a battle? Well, I have. Last year I was in the midst of a terrible battle which lasted about six weeks. The generals were General Pneumonia and General Health. All through February and part of March the battle raged and it was then that I vowed a vow unto the Lord that if He would let me get well I would do all the good I could in every way to every one I could—so General Health won out.

Here is \$1.00 in pennies for some B. B. I. girl. I used to save all my pennies for our weeks of prayer but now I am going to save them for the Children's Circle. God took my two little boys and I have no one to buy ice cream cones or all-day suckers for, so it will go for a worthy cause.

Mrs. Steele, you are doing a great work and may you live long to continue in the work of the Lord.

Yours truly,

Mrs. W. D. Gooch.

We are glad, Mrs. Gooch, that General Health won out, and we thank you for allowing your offering to come through the Children's Circle. We really believe that your dollar will do great good in helping to prepare a young woman for Christian service.—F. L. S.

Slate Springs, Miss., 5/24/39
Dear Mrs. Steele;

I have never written to the Children's Circle before, but I really enjoy reading it very much. The entire page is very interesting, especially the Bible study. I attend Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. most every Sunday. I am in the Intermediate class. I have written you before but failed to mail it. I am sending a small amount and you may use it any way that you wish. Hope to have more to send next time.

I am 13 years old and will enter the eighth grade next school session.

Your new friend,

Ouida Ward Hitt

Ouida, we are glad that you did not fail to mail this letter. Don't ever waste one again. Thank you for your gift.—F. L. S.

Forest, Miss., 5/26/39.

Dear Mrs. Steele;

This is my first time to write to you. I read the Children's Circle every week and enjoy it very much. I am a girl ten years old and in the fourth grade. I go to church and B. Y. P. U.

Yours lovingly,

Doris Russum

Don't let it be the last, Doris. And the next time you must tell us more about yourself.—F. L. S.

Slate Springs, Miss., 5/24/39

Dear Mrs. Steele;

I am a little girl nine years old



B. M. C. PRESIDENT'S HOME

The Armstrong Home for President Lawrence T. Lowrey and family, of Blue Mountain College, which is nearing completion and will be dedicated May 30 during the annual meeting of the National Blue Mountain College Alumnae Association.

and will enter the fifth grade next session.

I have been reading the Children's Circle every week and enjoy it very much. I have been wanting to write to you for some time.

My sister and I go to Sunday school every Sunday that we can. We think of the orphans often and wish that we could do more for them. I am sending a small amount for them and you may use it as you wish. I hope I can send more next time.

Your new friend,
Lillian Beatrice Hitt

Thank you, Lillian, for having an interest in the Children's Circle and a part in its work. I believe that you are already thinking about "next session"—and school has only been out a little while.—F. L. S.

Crystal Springs, Miss., 5/25/39.

My dear Mrs. Steele;

I am a girl eleven years of age and in the seventh grade. This is my first time to write. Please write and tell me what you are doing in the Children's Circle because I am interested to know.

I am president of the G. A. Our leader's name is Mrs. Polly Grimes. I also go to Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. We take the Baptist Record since my father is pastor of the Crystal Springs Baptist Church and I enjoy reading the Children's Circle very much.

Enclosed is twenty-five cents for the Baptist Orphanage. I would like for some of the members of the Children's Circle to write and I will answer all the letters I receive.

Yours truly,

Natille Pierce

Natille, we are happy to have you as one of the Children's Circle and appreciate very much your gift to the orphanage. If you will read my reply to Leona Mae Causey's letter in last week's paper, I think that you will get all the information you want about what we are doing. We hope that you will continue to have a part in our work.—F. L. S.

PUZZLE

Who Said

1. Who said "Silver and gold have I none"?
2. Who said "Would God I had died for thee"?
3. Who said "Few and evil have the days of the years of my life been"?
4. Who said "If any would not work, neither should he eat"?
5. Who said "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men"?
6. Who said "Am I my brother's keeper"?
7. Who said "How long halt ye

between two opinions?"

8. Who said "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"?

9. Who said "Understandest thou what thou readest"?

10. Who said "Here am I; send me"?

11. Who said "As the Lord liveth and as my soul liveth, I will not leave thee"?

12. Who said "Entreat me not to leave thee or to return from following after thee"?

13. Who said "Choose you this day whom you will serve"?

14. Who said "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge"?

15. Who said "We would see Jesus"?

—BR—

MY PRAYER

By Mrs. W. T. Burford

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Have I lived in vain dear Lord?
O, stop me then, before it's too late,
Could I watch a hungry beggar
Turn and slowly leave my gate?

Am I a carriage Christian, Lord,
Who passes the needy by the way?
Do I proudly lay my offering down
Before the world on a silver tray?

O let me be your lamp dear Lord,
A light to go where You shall say
To beds of pain; to tents of woe
To places that know no light of day.

I would do deeds of loving kindness
I would speak gentle words of love
I would be always laying up treasures
In your treasure house above.

I would be always climbing Lord,
Not to powers, or wealth, or fame;
A host I would lead up Zion's hill
To praise dear Lord, Your name.

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Honor roll of Intermediate class of New Zion Sunday school: Lorraine Tynes, Madalyn Nichols, Randolph Nunnery, John D. Tynes, Hewitt Tynes, James Hall. The above were 100% on Sunday, May 21.

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Morning

9:30—Fellowship Period; Greeting of Friends.
10:00—Music, Prayer.
10:10—President's Salutations, Bible Quotations, Prayer Thoughts.
10:25—Roll Call of Associations.
10:30—Open Forum on Denominational Work.
11:00—Alcohol—What it is and What it Does, Miss Winnie Buckels.
11:25—Rest Awhile—Stand and Sing.
11:30—Mystic India, Address by Mrs. A. J. Ranson.
12:10—Committees Appointed; Announcements.
12:15—Dinner.
1:00—Music, Prayer.
1:10—Bible Study, Conducted by a Pastor.
1:30—Contests: Bible Story Telling; Junior Memory Work; Int. Sword Drill; Senior Better Speakers.
2:35—Approved Workmen, Unashamed, Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds.
2:50—Sectional Conferences—Gen. Officers and Leaders; Adults; Seniors; Intermediates; Juniors; Asso. Officers.
4:10—At Your Service—Mrs. O. M. Jones.
4:25—Looking Ahead—Message by Sec. Aubur J. Wilds.
4:50—Contest Awards Presented; Announcements.
5:00—Recess.
6:00—Supper.
7:00—Music, Prayer.
7:15—Playlet by Training Union of Host Church.
7:35—Ridgecrest—"In the Land of the Sky"—a movie.
8:00—India—Illustrated Lecture, Dr. A. J. Ranson.
8:45—Final Adjournment.
Next week general information about the conventions. They begin Monday, June 12th at Winona.

Coffeeville Training School

The Coffeeville Training Union was recently re-organized and under the direction of Rev. N. B. Saucier, acting pastor, during the extended illness of brother Breland, a training school was conducted last week.

Miss Ruth McCormack taught the fine group of Juniors the Junior B.Y.P.U. manual. To balance the study program perfectly she gave them a picnic which all seemed to enjoy thoroughly. The Intermediates also studying methods, were taught by Mr. Saucier, and the Seniors and Adults met each night to study with Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds.

Mr. E. L. Sessums is the newly elected Director in Coffeeville. His ability and consecrated enthusiasm are meaning much in the work, and he very wisely multiplied his influence by two when he met another outstanding leader at the al-

tar about two weeks ago. Mrs. Sessums is a valuable helper. Although the people are missing brother Breland, they are responding whole-heartedly to the well balanced church program that Mr. Saucier is promoting in his efficient way.

Jerry Makes His Debut

"I want to go, oh, I want to go," called a shrill voice from the shelf, reminding Mr. A. J. Wilds of a somewhat neglected member of his family. "Why, Jerry," he stopped packing long enough to ask, "Where do you want to go?" "I want to go to Booneville with you and Sister." "Jerry, we're going over there to work, what could you do?" "Why I could talk and sing," answered the ventriloquial doll insistently. "Yes, but you might say the wrong thing." "Oh, no, I won't—I'll say just what you tell me to."

So Jerry went to Booneville, and Jerry had a good time. But Jerry was not the only one who had a good time. So did everyone who had a part in the study course.

Interested in going to Ridgecrest? Bus plans to leave Jackson early morning, Friday, July 7th. Minimum expense \$22.50. Write Mr. Earl Clark, Box 530, Jackson, for information.

Escatawpa Organizes Two B.Y.P.U.'s

We are happy to report the organization of a Junior and an Intermediate B.Y.P.U. at Escatawpa. There were 25 present at the initial meeting. The plans are to organize more unions soon, and all in Escatawpa are urged to join in with this progressive march each Sunday evening at 6:30. A study course is being planned, and so Pastor James C. Taylor is happy in the growing interest in things spiritual and denominational in this splendid church.

Griffith Gradually Climbs

Griffith now has twenty-five (25) individual unions, a total enrolment of 441, or an average of nearly 18 to a union—we think of fifteen to twenty as being an ideal number for a union. There are 3 Story Hours, 5 Junior, 5 Intermediate, 6 Senior, and 6 Adult unions. Their enlargement plan is the "twin" idea. When a union grows to twenty-five or thirty, they become twins, and form two unions and go to work to reach new members. Pastor L. W. Ferrell and Director, Mrs. L. R. Williams are happy in the progress being made in this department of the church.

For the first four months this year we issued 3,819 Training Union Study Course awards. This is an increase over the same time last year of 605. Churches and unions are learning that one study course a year is not enough.

QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED ABOUT WOMAN'S COLLEGE

1. Question: Where is Woman's College located?

Answer: At Hattiesburg, by many called "The Hub City."

2. Q. Is it advantageous for Woman's College to be located in Hattiesburg?

A. Yes, prominent speakers make frequent visits to Hattiesburg. Many musical and cultural advantages are claimed by Hattiesburg.

3. Q. To whom does Woman's College belong?

A. To Mississippi Baptists.

4. Q. I've heard that we have too many schools. Is that true?

A. No! Blue Mountain, Mississippi Baptists' other college for women has all the students it can accommodate. Should Woman's College be closed, Baptist girls would be forced to go to state schools or to Baptist schools in other states.

5. Q. Is Woman's College recognized as standard in Mississippi?

A. Yes, graduates of Woman's College can teach in any school in Mississippi and their credits are accepted 100% by the State Department of Education.

6. Q. I thought that Woman's College had an endowment of \$500,000 as a result of the endowment campaign two years ago.

A. Due to the cancellation of one conditional pledge and the failure of some others, there is a need for \$55,500 to complete the endowment. The \$55,500, plus the \$75,000 which Hattiesburg proposed to raise (the \$75,000 at Hattiesburg is largely in uncollected pledges) will raise the endowment of Woman's College to a total of \$500,000 net.

7. Q. Why does Woman's College want an endowment of \$500,000?

A. Because the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools makes that amount one of the conditions for full membership in the Association.

8. Q. I thought that we were to make no new debts. Isn't this \$55,500 a new debt?

A. No, decidedly no. It is money that Woman's College needs. But it is not a debt. If people will give it, well and good. If they won't, then disaster faces Woman's College, but no new debt has been made and the Mississippi Baptist State Convention won't owe any part of the \$55,500, nor will anyone else.

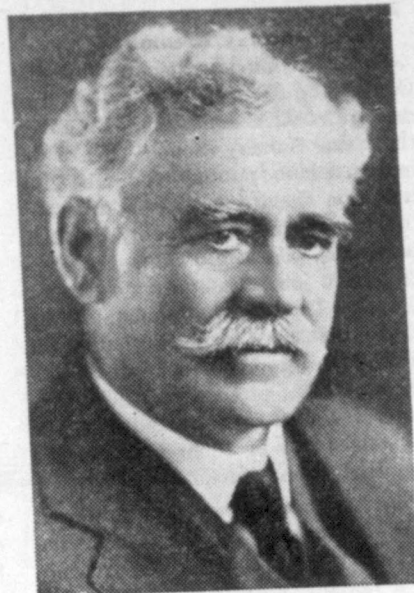
9. Q. Money is hard to get these days. Why not close Woman's College?

A. This would be poor business. Let me illustrate it this way: Suppose you had a business worth \$9,347, including the stock of goods and the building and fixtures. To keep going you need \$550. It certainly wouldn't be good business to close up or to sell out at a loss for the lack of only \$550 in a \$9,347 business. You would get the money. As Baptists, let's get this \$55,500 and keep on using our assets of \$934,741 to train Baptist girls as leaders, workers and Christians for the days to come.

10. Q. Does the faculty at Woman's College compare with faculties of other schools?

A. Woman's College is proud of its faculty and their degrees are equal to other schools of like class.

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DR. B. G. LOWREY

who was for thirteen years, president of Blue Mountain College and whose portrait, a gift to the college from former students, will be unveiled at Blue Mountain May 30, during the meeting of the National B. M. C. Alumnae Association.

CLEAR BRANCH B.T.U., RANKIN COUNTY

Our B.T.U. visited Antioch in Simpson County where Mrs. L. Lewis is director, and gave the program. We had a great fast. All responded beautifully. Clear Branch Director spoke on "Be Faithful," and Misses Willie Mae and Ethel Ross sang a duet, "I Surrender All." Others on the program were Mr. C. C. Alliston, Mr. Norris White and Rev. Oscar Byrd.

Miss Annie Byrd is Intermediate Leader; Mrs. E. Grantham, Junior Leader; Mrs. Ollie McDonald, Story Hour Leader; Miss Ethel Ross, President of Seniors; Donnie Barlow, Vice-President; Joe McDonald, General Secretary; Mrs. U. S. Bridges, Quiz Leader and Director of B.T.U. of Clear Branch and County B.T.U. Eight churches in the county have organizations.

United prayer gives power. God can remove all limitations of man. Pray with expectancy, Mk. 9:34; Dan. 6:27; Ps. 62:5. Make Prov. 3:5-6 and Ps. 119:105 be our motto.

Our report shows increase in Bible reading.—B.

Too Outspoken—"I understand your husband is something of an after-dinner speaker."

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CONVENTION

Friday Evening

After a music program by the Convention Chorus of men, in full dress, Dr. C. A. Jones of S. C. moved that the Sunday School Board be instructed to publish for free distribution the President's address by Dr. Scarborough and one by Dr. J. B. Lawrence. Carried. Then the congregation joined in singing Amazing Grace. The Keys Quadruplets of Oklahoma sang a negro spiritual, "Stand By Me." Some of our readers have seen pictures of these four sisters. We were impressed with the fact that two of them looked alike and the others did not.

This is the Brotherhood hour and Mr. Lawson Cooke, the Southwide Secretary is in charge. He presented a banker, a railroad man and a lawyer. He called attention to the request of the W.M.U. for help of the Brotherhood in training the Royal Ambassador boys, also to the slogan, "A Million Men For Christ," which means the enlistment of a million of our men in Christian service. Hugh F. Latimer, Associate Secretary, said it was his mission to distribute the literature which will help to enlist and instruct our men. The Brotherhood Conference will meet in Ridgecrest in August. Judge John W. McCall of Memphis, active layman of Memphis, and brother of "Scotch" spoke. He told two good stories and then got down to business. Why does a man give so much time to the lodge or club and so little to the church? Because in the first they find a congenial philosophy, also a fellowship, also a program well worked out. Our churches need a program. Three things are needed. The good Samaritan was a business man, and would have made a good Baptist layman. First get a program that will appeal to and use a million men. Teach them fidelity to the program of the church. Let attendance at the church service have first place. Second, make sure that you build a Christian home. Third, get all the laymen to rededicate themselves to the ideals taught them by godly parents. To be true to our church and its program is a matter of sacred honor.

Next was Home Mission Hour with Dr. J. B. Lawrence in charge. He requested that there be no applause. Dr. Beagle said 2260 had been baptized by the home missionaries in the past year. The missionary force has been enlarged. The schools and summer schools make the best reports ever. Many calls have come to enter new and needy fields, only 21 of which have been entered. Introduced: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parker of Albuquerque, N. M., missionaries to Spanish speaking people; Paul Bell, teacher at Bastrop in Mexican Baptist Institute. Then came several Mexican missionaries. J. L. Moye and wife told us there were 1,000,000 Mexicans in Texas. An Italian missionary from Kansas City, Mo., said more missionaries are needed among these people. Then a brother whose name and language were beyond us. Then Plainfield of Tampa, Florida, who has general superintendence of several Italian missions.

Then L. C. Smith who has seen between four and five thousand French speaking people brought to Christ. There are half a million of these people in Louisiana. Then Thibodeaux of the same territory. Then a teacher in Accadia Baptist Academy, who said one of their prime needs is trained workers.

What a friend we have in Jesus was sung in seven different languages at once by a group of Home Board missionaries. Then our Chinese missionary from Cleveland, Miss., spoke, then an English speaking missionary to Chinese in San Antonio. Then a missionary to the deaf, of whom there are 45,000 in the south. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gray spoke of their work in Dyess Colony, Ark. George Wilson, a Sioux Indian, sang "I am redeemed." He has a genuinely musical voice and uses it as an evangelistic singer.

Missionary to the 9,000 Navajos told of the efficient work among these people, almost none of them Christians. Pastor Hancock, a Choctaw spoke of his work in Northeast Oklahoma. Then an Otoo told of his people where there are 204 professed Christians. Two workers among the Pawnees spoke of work especially in the hospital for Indians where many are converted. Missionaries to various tribes of Indians spoke briefly.

W. N. McCall, for 34 years missionary in Havana, spoke of the work in four provinces in Cuba. He eats no idle bread. The Lord is giving healthy growth. Better equipment has been provided specially from the Bottoms fund. Joe Burton, publicity man of the Home Board said the Home Board magazine has 33,000 subscribers and hopes to have 50,000 by the end of the year. The subscription price is 25c. Jacob Gartenhaus said he has been in seven states in the past 30 days. He finds open doors and many Jewish believers. Many are being driven from their homes because of their faith in Jesus and it is a problem how to take care of them.

Mrs. Una Roberts Laurence who has written much about our Home Mission work spoke of the value of mission study books. More than 17,000 copies of Dr. Leavell's book have been sold.

Dr. R. Q. Leavell said this is the greatest day for evangelism since Pentecost. The world's need was never more manifest. The opportunity is ours. The last number was "Swing Low," sung by a negro choir. After dismissal a concert of music was given by the negroes.

WITH OUR 5M CLUB
By J. W. Sturdivant

Pastor W. S. Allen is doing a fine work at Pass Christian and also at Bay St. Louis. It was a joy to bring a Mother's Day message to his people Sunday morning. The house was filled with both young and old. This church was among the first in the state to respond when the 5 Thousand Club was first organized. Much credit is due brother Allen for his untiring efforts and the breadth of his plans. He has a program and is getting results for the Lord.

Sunday evening was spent in the

pulpit made vacant on account of the illness of beloved brother W. A. McComb. There are many good Baptists here at Long Beach and brother McComb has done a great work of love and faith in the lives of these people. His condition is reported much improved. May we all unite our prayers to God for his recovery. The response to our program was more than good and we expect to see much progress in this well organized church.

Brother S. P. Powell has the largest rural prayer service that I have ever attended. More than 150 present on Wednesday night. How many city pastors would like to have such an opportunity. "How to Win For Christ," is being taught after prayer and a new and wonderful interest is seen. At least half of this congregation is composed of young people. This is a happy and growing church under an able pastor. They are leading the way for other churches by taking out a number of new memberships in our 5 Thousand Club.

The church at Logtown continue a good weekly prayer service and is growing under the leadership of brother J. P. Culpepper. Improvements are being made on the building as new screens are being added. The ladies have just given the church house a complete cleaning with soap and water. We as a denomination do not believe that water cleanses the heart; but a little water and soap on the inside of many of our houses of worship will change the looks of things. The W. M.U. has just taken out a 5M membership. Come on men and catch up with these good women.

Brother Charles B. Hamlet, III, has a working church at Juniper Grove. These people have put their church on a sound financial plan and are doing great things for the Kingdom. They are having a large part in the paying of Mississippi Baptist debts and we salute a consecrated pastor and large number of trained leaders. May God give them a great revival as they begin that work.

M.S.C.W., B.S.U.

The M.S.C.W. Baptist Student Union Cabinet installation service was held at the First Baptist Church in Columbus, Wednesday night, May 10. Dr. John L. Hill of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville delivered the charge to the new cabinet.

The theme of the program was "A Lantern In Her Hand." Miss Dorothy Dean, Canton, retiring president, delivered the challenge, "Christ Shall Give Thee Light," to Miss Julia Herring, Winona, president-elect for 1939-1940, who re-

sponded with the acceptance, "A Burning and a Shining Light."

Members of the cabinet were presented with lanterns by the old cabinet, after which Dr. Hill gave a most inspirational and challenging message on the subject, "A Lantern In Her Hand."

The new cabinet members who will serve during the 1939-1940 school session are:

President, Julia Herring, Winona; 1st vice-president, Maxine McKinnon, Coldwater; 2nd vice-president, Wilma Blackstrom, Columbus; 3rd vice-president, Carolyn Eubanks, Durant; secretary, Virginia Mason, Brookhaven; treasurer, Angie Chapman, Newton; librarian, Lillian Hall, Columbus; director of publicity, Louise Brooks, Water Valley; director of B.Y.P.U., Wade Lilly, Clinton; president of Y.W.A. Mary Nell Waller, McCool; superintendent of Sunday school, Lou Shelton Ewing, Gloster; director of music, Margaret Longino, Brookhaven; director of special workers, Ouida Bush, Blaine; president of Baptist players, Fern Carter, Biloxi; Town Girl representative, Margaret Scofield, Columbus; representative from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes respectively are: Laura Sue Ezell, Louisville; Marie Anderson, Tupelo; Charlene Simpson, Ripley; the freshman representative will be chosen after school begins next fall.

Committees who will assist the cabinet are: music committee, Dasiel Day, Tutwiler; Minnie Ruth Spivey, Decatur; Yvonne Magee, Brookhaven; publicity committee, Nevella Harris, Summit; Bobbie Grace Simmons, Newton; Beulah Moss, Grenada; Charlotte Cloud, Canton; Edna Palmer, Preston; Elaine Slay, Quitman; Winnie Lee Ray, Pontotoc; Eva Dell Cunningham, Newton; Doris Cole, McComb; devotional committee: Marie Hodges Indianola; Joyce Anderson, Shuqualak, and Natalie Traxler, McComb.

Plans for next year's program are already under way. The new and old cabinets, assisted by Miss Rhobia Taylor, resident secretary, have been busy with plans which constitute one of the most intensive B.S.U. programs ever attempted on the M.S.C.W. campus.—Louise Brooks, Reporter.

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DR. J. W. NEWBROUGH HONORED ON EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

On the eve of his eightieth birthday (May 19), Dr. J. W. Newbrough, superintendent of the Baptist Rescue Mission, New Orleans, was honored by a surprise birthday party given by the employees and the men temporarily quartered at the mission assisted by Mrs. Clark of the Home for Girls and two of the young women. Guests present beside Dr. and Mrs. Newbrough were Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Haight of the Baptist Bible Institute and the Reverends L. N. Marks, and W. O. Littlejohn and Mrs. Littlejohn, of New Orleans.

After refreshments were enjoyed at tables set up in the auditorium of the Mission, hymns were sung by all and a solo by Mrs. Haight. The special feature of the occasion was the presentation by Dr. Haight of a cane with Dr. Newbrough's initials inscribed on a silver band. The cane was the gift of the employees and men of the Mission. With touching words of appreciation, Dr. Newbrough accepted the gift and expressed his gratitude for the love and devotion of the men who gave it. In earnest and eloquent words, brethren Marks and Littlejohn spoke feelingly of their devotion to Dr. Newbrough and of their gratitude to God for spiritual blessings enjoyed with him.

Most impressive of all, perhaps, was the silent testimony of appreciation expressed by the faces of the twenty or more men—beneficiaries of Dr. Newbrough's gracious ministry—who participated. One could sense that this group was representative of the thousands of men—young and old, rich and poor, learned and illiterate, cultured and crude, from the ends of the earth—whom Christ has touched and healed through Dr. Newbrough's testimony and ministry. One thought of Jesus' parable about the king's banquet to which the lame, the halt, the blind, the beggars came to express their appreciation of the King's kindness and to enjoy his bounty. How utterly and obviously sincere and spontaneous was the occasion, now beautifully simple, how profoundly symbolic of the Kingdom of God!

Fittingly and characteristically Dr. Newbrough concluded the occasion (save for personal greetings) with prayer—a prayer most of all for the salvation and sanctification of any men present who were lost.

—E. F. Haight.

REV. T. T. MARTIN

To Heaven, by Way of Baptist Hospital

"On Jordan's stormy banks I stand."—

The voice was soft and sweet though shaken and sometimes broken. But it rang out over the fourth annex of the hospital so that patients caught the Message. One patient, who had known him long said, with tear-filled eyes, "Brother Martin is nearing the River's brink." And he was nearer than we thought; for he slipped fast asleep the following day, and today they are laying all that is left of his mortal body in the old cemetery down at Gloster. After "Life's

fitful fever" he will sleep beside his sainted grandfather and his greatly honored father.

He was with us one week. His frailty of both body and mind was evident; but true to life's calling, he preached daily; he lectured hourly. His temperance messages sank deep into some hearts that needed to hear.

The wings of memory bear me back to early childhood days, when a little, delicate cripple boy, charmed his playmates with his marvelous golden tongue. We did not dip into the future at that time; we knew no thought beyond the present. But the years went by; years of suffering and sadness and tragedy; years of growing and going and glowing; and our little cripple companion became the God Given evangelist. What a star-filled crown greets him today!

Others will write of his life and work. This is merely a bit of a memorial from one who knew him well and appreciated him much.

—M. M. L.

GREAT REVIVAL Catchings Baptist Church, Catchings, Miss.

We have just closed one of the most satisfactory revival services we have ever experienced in our church. The pastor, Rev. E. Y. Soileau, was assisted by his brother, Rev. M. R. Soileau, First Baptist Church, Cuero, Texas. Miss Camille Clinkscales, our own choir director, conducted the singing. There were thirty additions to the church, 18 by baptism, 10 by letter and 2 by statement.

The spiritual life of the church was deepened by the services and teachings of brother Soileau. He is a great gospel preacher and pastor-evangelist, a splendid speaker, thoroughly Baptist, scholarly, clear, sound and practical in his presentation of the gospel message. No church would make a mistake in securing his service for revival where evangelistic and doctrinal strengthening is needed. Brother Soileau believes in the church being scripturally supported from a financial standpoint; any church which has financial difficulties would do well to hear him give his lecture on "Eating the Cake," which demonstrates the economical dollar in comparison to support of the church and why the churches are not being supported.

This church with its rapid and steady growth with an increase of 47 additions within the last four months and every department growing under the leadership of Rev. E. Y. Soileau, and through the spiritual messages brought during the past ten days led us to do even greater things for the Lord—thus the church voted to go to full time within a very short time.

We are grateful for the answered prayers and many blessings which have been bestowed upon us.

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A TESTIMONIAL BY AN UNSAVED MAN

As I was leaving Oklahoma City, after attending our Southern Baptist Convention which recently convened there, a taxi driver who carried me to the train, voluntarily said, "The Southern Baptist Convention is different to any other convention which I have ever seen. When other conventions have met here, there was drunkenness, dancing, cursing and other bad things going on; but not so with the Baptist Convention and I am an unsaved man. All of the boys (taxi drivers) are talking about this convention being so different. This convention is uplifting and will help us and the city even when the Baptist people are gone from here."

I asked the man if he wanted to be saved? He said, "I do." I asked him if he would trust Jesus and he said, "I will", and gave me his hand with a grip which expressed the longing in his heart.

I am glad that I am a co-operative Baptist and may we all ever keep humble, prayerful, faithful to Jesus Christ and to His Great Commission.—E. D. Estes, State Evangelist, Jackson, Miss.

I am with Stonewall Church this week in a meeting. Please pray for us.

Thank God for our evangelists.—Editor.

ANOTHER WATCHMAN FALLEN

Rev. C. M. Grason, age 68 years, died at Magee April 30, 1939. He was married to Emma Lee Grason, February, 1901. To them were born 10 children, 12 grandchildren. He joined the Baptist Church at Mt. Zion in 1905. He was ordained to preach at Beulah Church. He gave 21 years in actual service, pastored 15 churches, preached to 8 at one time. He was an able preacher and a shrewd lawyer. Funeral services were held at Beulah, buried at Sharon. I was assisted in the services by Rev. G. A. Parker, Jack and David Cranford, T. W. Bishop, T. M. Gardner and Hollis Benton. He has finished his work, his crown is won.—H. W. Moulder.

BLUE MOUNTAIN B.S.U.

Each year at the first meeting of the new B.S.U. Council, in May, the members select a hymn and a verse of scripture to keep as their own for the year in which they will serve.

Last week the new Council chose as its hymn for next year one which is a general favorite among young peoples' religious groups: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"; and the scripture is found in John 12:32: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."—Marion Dempsey, B.M.C. Reporter.

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Miss Janie Kathryn Sansing, of Stringer, Miss., a junior at Mississippi Woman's College, was recently installed as president of The International Relations Club for next session.

She represented the club as a delegate to the Southeastern conference of International Relations Clubs held at the college of William and Mary in April.

Miss Evelyn Fancher, of Louisville, Miss., retiring president of the I. R. C., represented the club as a delegate to the Southeastern conference of International Relations Clubs in Nashville, Tenn., last year and the Mississippi conference of International Relations Clubs in Jackson last February. Miss Fancher, who will be graduated on May 29, appeared on the program at the meeting in Jackson. Miss Fancher was recently presented in a graduate recital in voice at Mississippi Woman's College.

Miss Cleo White, of McComb, Mississippi, now completing her sophomore year, was on the program of the Southeastern Conference of International Relations Clubs at Vanderbilt University last year, and was elected president of the Mississippi conference of clubs for the year 1939-40.

Miss Helen Holt, of Jackson, Mississippi, represented the I. R. C. as a delegate at the college of William and Mary in April of this year and at Vanderbilt University last year. She participated in the round-table discussions on each occasion.

—BR— GRIFFITH—JACKSON

Wednesday night, May 24th, the Griffith Sunday school officers and teachers met in their regular monthly conference with eighty-one present. As a result of this meeting a definite program was outlined for the month of June. Desiring to cooperate one hundred per cent with the Southern Baptist program on evangelism we resolved to continue our efforts in an even greater way by each officer and teacher trying his best to win at least one lost soul during the month of June.

Our slogan for June is "Every one win one," and at the same time we realize that if our Sunday school hopes to win to Christ those who are lost in our community there

are three things that we must determine to do:

1. Make soul winning our supreme task.
2. Make lost people the burden of every prayer.
3. Make salvation the theme of every lesson.

We believe very definitely that, with the Lord leading thirty-nine of our officers and teachers to pledge themselves to contact at least one lost soul each week during this year, and with the wonderful cooperation we are receiving from everyone, God will bless our efforts for His sake.—Curtis Beard, General Superintendent.

—BR— LOUISVILLE NOTES By J. N. McMillin

On a recent Sunday 14 people were baptized into the Louisville (Miss.) Baptist Church. The pastor was just recuperating from the flu, so Rev. C. C. Weaver, pastor at Noxapater, very kindly took the place of the pastor in this impressive service.

These converts had come in along through the regular preaching services, without any special revival services. It is not unusual for us to receive people on a declaration of their faith at the regular morning preaching services. We believe this is as it ought to be.

Our B. T. U. organizations are having a study course at this time, with a splendid group of our workers as leaders, and with good attendance. This work has greatly increased under the leadership of Ray Stennett and Mrs. Stennett. Every department is functioning, from the Story Hour tots to the adult union.

Our people are saying that we have one of the very best Sunday school organizations we have ever had. The superintendent is Joe McCulley, a young business man of the city. He has an active group of teachers and officers consisting of some fifty of our workers. We are hoping for fine things from this department of our church life.

—BR—
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Jackson Van Winkle Church	108
Crystal Springs Church	295
Springfield Church (Scott Co.)	103
Newton Church	234
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	127
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Fifty Student Nurses Wanted At Once

Baptist Memorial Hospital, the South's Greatest Hospital, and the largest Baptist Hospital in the world, wants 50 student nurses, Special Class beginning July 1st, 1939.

Opening the pavilion with 100 additional rooms—a large part devoted to charity and part-charity—requires more nurses. The Bible says, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

For a student nurse this is a three fold opportunity for service. First, you serve humanity; second, you earn a profession next to the ministry itself, and third, you help the greatest hospital in the South.

Write at once and file your application with Miss Myrtle Archer, Director of Nurses. Applicants must be between 18 and 30 years of age, have a high school education, of sound health and a good moral character.

We ask pastors, teachers, and ladies' aid societies to take this matter up with eligible young ladies.

In order to enter July 1st you must file your application at once.

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